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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

Faculty Senate
Approved Minutes
19 September 2001

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Bailey, Barik, Boggs, Bowers, Bracken, Broughton, I. Brown, S. Cohen, Ellis, Garmon, Gifford, Gray, Guest, Hanks, Hermanson, Hill, Hsu, Kayes, Kimball, Kwiatkowski, (Hain for Longenecker), Matheson, Murray, Olsen, Painter, Perkins, Rogers, Rowe, Shardo, Slagle, Spector, Swofford, Townsley, Wesenberg, Wheeler, Willis, Wilson

Absent (Excused): Blackwell, Broome, M. Cohen, Dagenais, Figarola, Miller, Pettyjohn, Sylvester, Temple, Vest, Weitzel.

Absent (Unexcused): Benoit, Comstock, El-Saba, Foster, McNair, Mozur

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the June and July meetings were approved with some minor changes.

4. Report from the Chair:

Chairman Rogers reported information from the Executive Committee Meeting with the University Administration. He said that President Moulton indicated proration would probably be at about the same level as this year. President Moulton also shared with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee that he planned to ask the Foundation for funds for the library and to help increase graduate student stipends.

5. Reports from Standing Committees:

Planning and Development has been discussing parking and an on-campus transit system.

Policy and Handbook will meet soon and discuss workload and copyright.

Evaluation and Salaries and Benefits Committees will meet soon.

6. Reports from Caucus Leaders:

Allied Health faculty met with their dean and discussed class evaluations being put online.

Arts and Sciences caucus leaders met with their dean and discussed evaluations, strategic plans, and the budget.

Education met with their dean. They are concerned that their accreditation may be in jeopardy due to the hiring freeze.

The library caucus met with their dean and discussed the budget and continuing tenure track positions and faculty status for librarians.

Medicine had their spring assembly with their dean at the end of the summer.

Mitchell College of Business elected Michelle Slagle of the Department of Management to fill the Senate position left open when Warren Beatty left the University. The MCOB Caucus met with their dean and raised the

issue of release time being reinstated according to reports from other colleges. After this meeting some release time was reinstated this fall and promises were made for the future. The plan is to monitor the fulfillment of these promises.

Other college caucuses did not meet with their deans.

7. Old Business:

There was no old business.

8. New Business:

There was no official new business. Dr. Hain (from the School of Computer and Information Science) attended the meeting and brought up the topic of hiring USA graduates. Specifically he questioned the practice of a university hiring faculty from within their own graduates. A general discussion ensued with pros and cons brought up by different senators.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

S. Murray, Secretary