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UCA Faculty Senate
February 28, 2013
Wingo 315, 12:45 pm

College of Business Administration: Don Bradley (2013), Jim Downey (2014), Kaye McKinzie (2015)

College of Liberal Arts : Jay Ruud (2013), Clayton Crockett (2014), Jacob Held (2015)

College of Education: Janet Filer (2013), Shoudong Feng (2014), Cheryl Wiedmaier (2015) *aa*,

College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics: Ben Rowley (2013), Charles Watson (2014), Rahul Mehta (2015)

College of Fine Arts & Communications: Kevin Browne (2013), Lanette Grate (2014), Garry Craig Powell (2015)

College of Health & Behavioral Sciences: K.C. Poole (2015) Lisa Ray (2013), Melissa Shock (2014),

At-Large Senators: Debbie Bratton (UC, 2015), Janet Wilson (CLA, 2013), Amber Wilson (Library, 2013), Brian Bolter (CHBS, 2014), Doug Isanhart (CB, 2014), Art Lichtenstein (LIB 2015),

I. Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2013 (see attached)
To be approved at next meeting.

II. Remarks, President Tom Courtway

III. Remarks, Interim Provost Steve Runge

Dr. Michael Mills, Apple Distinguished Educator!
CHBS Dean search. Interviews complete.
COB Dean search ongoing.
Nov. 11 & 12 HLC comes back.

IV. Guns on campus, Chief Larry James

Law has been passed allowing faculty to concealed carry on campus. The law has an annual opt out clause. President Courtway has stated that he will encourage the BOT to opt out.

Chief James, college campuses have always been safer than the parent society.

V. Revisions to student course evaluation questionnaire, Wendy Castro (see attached)

Motion to remove motion to endorse Senator Burley, Motion to approve Senator D. Bradley, Second Senator Ray.

Senator Bradley reiterates that evaluations are to remain between faculty member and department chair.

VI. Faculty Senate endorsement of Diversity Advisory Committee Report
(see attached)

Motion to endorse, Senator Burley, Second Senator Bolter.

Senator Held feels that report is myopic in scope, leaves out women, gender in general.

Senator Watson feels staffing is excessive in proposal.

Senator Bradley: We need to see how much money the University has to fund the office.

Senator Held: Vice President level position created, it seems excessive as opposed to creating a director of gender and sexuality center on the same level as multicultural services and disability services.

Senator Bolter: Sees deep need for racial issues to be dealt with on campus. Supports the idea of vice president because of access it gives to the President of the University.

Senator Crocket: Sees a lack of programs in the report. Sees excess positions. Positions should be driven by programs.

Senator Rowley motion to table, Second Senator Watson. Unanimously tabled.

VII. Athletic Committee report (see attached)

Motion to accept Senator Burley, Second Senator Rowley. Unanimously accepted.

VIII. Resolution on the Creation and Support of the Office of Institutional Diversity at UCA (see attached)

No motions made.

IX. Proposed revisions to Faculty Handbook (see attachments)

Motion to accept proposed revision to Faculty Handbook Senator A. Wilson, Second Senator Bradley. Unanimously accepted.

X. President's Report

A. Election to approve changes to Faculty Senate Constitution now Underway.

B. At-Large election March 1

XI. Senate Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

No report

B. Committee on Committees

Working on editing.

C. Academic Affairs

RE: construction in Main Hall. No plans to move classes out during construction. Possible soundproofing if there is money left over.

D. Faculty Affairs I

Working. No final report yet.

E. Faculty Affairs II

No report

XII. Announcements and Concerns

A. Next meeting: March 12, 2013, at 12:45 in Wingo 315

B. Other Announcements and Concerns

Senator Burley: AAUP Spring Fling at Mike's Place 4 PM 3/7/2013.

Senator Bradley: Impressed with Athletic Comm report and academic integrity metrics. Asks that University endorse NCAA minimum requirements for admission.

Senator J. Wilson: Several UCA faculty and I would like the faculty senate to discuss the item at the end of this email and ask the administrator to stop supporting the event. This announcement was sent to all faculty by email on 2-19-2013 with the subject line: Leadercast Conference for UCA Employees. (1) We are concerned that UCA is co-hosting/sponsoring a conference to be held at a religious site. UCA is not a religious institution and should not be holding any events at any religious site. Although the religious site may offer a venue to accommodate the anticipated numbers of people, if the event is co-hosted/sponsored by UCA, then it should be held on the UCA campus. Not all religious sites welcome all people. (2) UCA is co-hosting/sponsoring an event that is connected to chick-fil-a, a company that does not honor equity among all people. This company aggressively contributes to anti-gay and lesbian organizations. (3) The email announcement was distributed by Charlotte Strickland, Office of University Training, who organizes and delivers diversity training. Information relating to an event held at a church and connected to an anti-gay and lesbian organization should not be distributed by the university personnel responsible for diversity training. Events held at churches and connected to openly hate groups should not be any part of UCA personnel or procedures. (4) UCA students want the SGA as well as administrators, faculty, and staff to support and improve relations with university programs for LGBT students. The Leadercast Conference does not support or improve relations for LGBT students; the Leadercast Conference appears to focus on just the opposite, which may be intentional. (5) An article about minority groups printed in The Echo dated 2-13-2013, described counselors that are hostile toward LGBT students seeking guidance...often working with a "Christian mindset." Christianity does not dictate unacceptance of LBGT individuals. Many Christians advocate human rights and equality for all people. However, the Leadercast Conference, co-hosted/sponsored by UCA is being held in a church that may not advocate human rights and equality for all people especially as it is connected with a corporation that aggressively contributes to anti-gay and lesbian or organizations, therefore communicating the

inaccurate belief that Christians are not supportive of all people. We urge the UCA faculty senate to request UCA and the Office of University Training to stop co-hosting/sponsoring this event and to stop distributing information about the event through the UCA email. Thank you.

Senator Crocket:

It increasingly appears as if the legislature is going to pass a bill allowing faculty/staff to carry firearms on campus. Governor Beebe has indicated that he would sign such a bill:

<http://thecabin.net/social-media/2013-02-15/ark-house-vote-bill-allowing-guns-campus#.UR5xIR2zeWM> (the article is out of date--the House overwhelmingly passed the bill today) As it currently stands, the bill has an opt-out clause for colleges.

So far as you know, has the administration expressed an opinion on this issue? Should the bill become law, will the faculty senate make its views clear to the administration?

Senator Filer: Concern re: evals in Digital Measures and who has access. Also Digital Measures asks age, is that legal?

Senator A. Wilson: Bring Ballot boxes to 206 in library on Friday.

Motion to Suspend the rules: Senator Bradley, Second Senator Isanhart.
Unanimously passed.

Motion for the following resolution:

Resolution: Be it resolved on this date, 2-28-2013, the UCA Faculty Senate endorses Interim Provost Runge for the permanent position of Provost of the University of Central Arkansas

Moved, Senator Isanhart, Second, Senator Bradley.

Unanimously approved.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Senator Bolter, Second Senator Ray.