

UCA Faculty Senate Minutes of Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 1245pm, Wingo Hall 315

Members Present (/a: absent; /aa: absent advised)

- Business Administration: Bartczak, Bradley/aa, Moore.
- Education: Albritton, Copeland, Hebert.
- Fine Arts And Communication: Browne, President Burley, Castner Post.
- Health And Behavioral Sciences: Fletcher, Poole, Ray.
- Liberal Arts: Arnold/aa, Parrack, Spivey.
- Natural Sciences And Mathematics: BrattonG, Isom, Rowley/aa.
- At-Large Senators: Acre/aa, BrattonD, Jones, Lichtenstein, WilsonA., WilsonJ.
- Senator For Part-Time Faculty: RungeN.
- Office Of The Provost: Provost Grahn.

I. Approval of Minutes from August 26, 2010 (attached)

Motion to amend to show Jones as absent advised: Lichtenstein, Ray. MOTION APPROVED.

Motion to approve minutes as amended: Ray, Hebert. MOTION APPROVED.

II. President Meadors to Address the Senate

- Governor Beebe will be at UCA tomorrow to dedicate STEM Residential College.
- Flu campaign to begin 10/27/10.
- New and improved One-Card system in development.
- 1.2 million is being spent to improve IT equipment on campus.
- Newsweek listed UCA in two of it's 25 most desirable U.S. universities categories.

III. Provost Lance Grahn to Address the Senate

- Meeting with Deans Council tomorrow: 21 item agenda including summer session revenue, one time travel money, faculty replacements.
- Announced at last week's Academic Council meeting that 4/15/11 would be the target date for faculty replacement and conversion requests.

IV. President's Report

A. Budget Advisory Committee

1. John Parrack—summary of last year

Parrack: Issues from last fall included student receivables and cash flow. In spring, BAC shifted to more operational issues. BAC has great confidence in the ability of President Meadors and V.P. for Finance Diane Newton to restore UCA to financial stability. However, BAC was not involved in a number of decisions such as campus beautification. On the operational side, BAC explored the functions of the Office of Academic Outreach and Extended Programs and began looking into ways to implement cost savings this year. BAC is a valuable resource for our campus.

Fletcher: Did BAC have input on summer tuition revenue?

Parrack: BAC was aware of this issue but not involved in decision making.

2. Lynn Burley—overview of this year

The first BAC meeting of AY 2010-2011 is scheduled for 9/28/10. V.P. Newton will give a report. BAC meetings are open meetings. Dr. Keith Pachlhofer (Univ. College) won the election for the BAC unaffiliated seat. A copy of the UCA budget is available at the Library Circulation Desk.

V. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

1. Overview of Faculty Concerns

Burley: Concerns included fringe benefits, instructor evaluations, food service, and parking. Compilation spreadsheet of concerns is available from Lichtenstein.

2. Committee Charges

a. Faculty Handbook Committee: The Faculty Senate requests that the Faculty Handbook Committee review faculty status vis-à-vis Resident Masters. The Handbook defines Faculty on page 61: "Faculty are all full and part-time employees of the university who teach, graduate students with teaching responsibilities, and other instructional personnel." It is further clarified in Article One Section One of the Senate Constitution: "The Faculty Association shall include those full-time employees of the university who hold the rank of instructor, lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor, or professor and those full-time employees of the university with teaching included as a responsibility of their appointment."

b. Academic Affairs: Prepare a statement addressing ways that faculty may encourage students to participate in online evaluations; recommend ways that faculty and administrators can make online evaluations a more productive process; and suggest other means by which faculty may be evaluated for inclusion in tenure and promotion applications. Be prepared to present a statement by January 2011.

B. Committee on Committees

Wilson: Request for motion to approve the following for the Academic Integrity and Discipline Committee - Joe McGarrity (BUS), Wendy Castro (LA), Gary McCollough (HBS), Don Perry (NSM).

Motion to approve: Parrack, WilsonA. MOTION APPROVED.

Wilson: Request for motion to approve Donna Stephens (FAC) for the Graduation Committee.

Motion to approve: Hebert, Ray. MOTION APPROVED.

C. Academic Affairs

Castner-Post: no report.

D. Faculty Affairs I

Fletcher: no report.

E. Faculty Affairs II

Ray: no report.

VI. Announcements and Concerns

A. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 12:45 pm

B. Other Announcements and Concerns

Burley: Please participate in SPARC meetings.

Parrack: Received email from Mr. Larry Lawrence, UCA Physical Plant Director, indicating that he has purchased equipment for Farris Avenue crosswalk and is waiting for City of Conway to complete widening project.

Isom: Concern regarding UCA's coverage in the media and a tendency for UCA to blame the media for problems. Concern regarding UCA's new concierge service and the message this sends to the public about our expectations for our students.

[additional comments from Pres Meadors and Isom]

RungeN: May I submit concerns from Part-Time Faculty?

Burley: Yes.

Fletcher: Does information exist regarding the issues of validity and reliability of the online instructor evaluations.

Poole: Concern about parking availability behind President Meador's house.

Burley: Welcome to Dr. Nilu Runge as the AY 2010-2011 Part-Time Faculty Senator.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Copeland, Hebert. MOTION APPROVED.