

UCA Faculty Senate Minutes of Tuesday, April 12th, 2011 at 1245pm, Wingo Hall 315

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

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

I. Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2011 (attached)

MOTION to approve: Ray, 2nd. Rowley.

Parrack: Mistake on bottom of page eight. Delete "clinical professor" in BrattonG comment.

MOTION approved with correction.

II. Remarks, Provost Lance Grahn

President Burley: Provost Grahn is out of town. No remarks.

III. President's Report

A. Faculty Senate Elections

President Burley: Faculty Senate elections (by college) are still in process. Results to be announced when process is finished. There have been some procedural complications with regard to the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences election. The election will be re-run with oversight by Senators Poole and Ray.

B. University College Recommendation

President Burley: The latest news is that UC will stay with the Division of Enrollment Management rather than move to the College of Education. So far, there has been no official announcement as to why this decision was made.

BrattonD: Yes, UC will remain in the Division of Enrollment Management, so no change from the status quo.

Rowley: [is a member of the search committee for a Vice President of Enrollment Management] Will be happy to answer questions about the search process.

[additional comments: Burley, Parrack, Browne, BrattonG, Bradley, Rowley]

MOTION by BrattonG, 2nd. Ray: That "President Burley formally request of the Provost and of the President that they provide a rational for their apparent disregard of the University College Task Force recommendations with regard to the University College issue."

MOTION approved.

[additional comments: WilsonJ, BrattonG, BrattonD, Rowley]

C. Faculty Handbook Update

President Burley: Chapter Three reorganization is going to the Board of Trustees at the May meeting. When semester ends, Burley and WilsonJ will go through the entire Faculty Handbook and look for things that need to be updated. Thank you to John Parrack and his committee for doing a lot of good work with this reorganization project.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

President Burley: No report.

B. Committee on Committees

1. Fringe Benefits Advisory Committee (attached)

WilsonJ: Please see attachment to minutes, "Fringe Benefits Advisory Committee ."

MOTION to approve: Ray, 2nd. Bradley.

MOTION approved.

2. SEED (attached)

WilsonJ: Please see attachment to agenda, " Sustainable Environment and Ecological Design Committee (SEED)"

MOTION to approve: Ray, 2nd. Rowley

BrattonG: Comments in support of the motion.

Poole: Question about listing for President of University Women. Does this group still exist?

President Burley: This group is defunct.

Albritton: There were concerns about this group being restricted to women.

[additional comments: Rowley, Burley, BrattonD]

MOTION approved.

- C. Academic Affairs
Report: Evaluations (attached)

Castner Post: Please see attachment to agenda, "Report of Academic Affairs Committee to the Faculty Senate." This attachment summarizes the committee's charge and relates the history of this issue. The committee recommends that we do not go back to using paper format evaluations.

[comments: Bradley, Parrack, Runge, Arnold, WilsonA, Fletcher, Bartczak, Castner Post, Burley, Poole, BrattonG, Browne, BrattonD, Ray, WilsonA]

President Burley: Where shall we go from here regarding this report?

Bradley: MOTION to insert into the minutes a statement indicating that we discussed the report and praising the high quality of the report. 2nd. Parrack.

MOTION approved: "The Faculty Senate discussed the report, 'Report of Academic Affairs Committee to the Faculty Senate.' It is the consensus of the Faculty Senate that the Academic Affairs Committee did an outstanding job with this report. "

President Burley: Will summarize the report for the Provost and request that the Provost send the report summary to all faculty.

- D. Faculty Affairs I
Resolution on Part-Time Senator serving on Senate Committees (attached)

Fletcher: Please see attachment to agenda, " Resolution, Issue: Part-time Senator serving on Faculty Senate committees ." Resolution is read.

MOTION to approve: Fletcher, 2nd. BrattonG.

President Burley: As a friendly amendment, change wording on second line to read, " placing the part-time Senator on any one of the standing Faculty Senate Committees."

No objections to the friendly amendment.

[comments: Parrack, Fletcher]

MOTION approved with friendly amendment.

- E. Faculty Affairs II

Ray: Explains the survey that was conducted regarding term limits for department chairs. (50% no, 44% yes, 6% na)

[comments: WilsonA, Burley, Bradley, BrattonD, BrattonG, Runge]

BrattonG: This survey was requested by the Provost.

Ray: Thanks to WilsonA who did all the data collection and compiling, "Bless her heart."

V. Announcements and Concerns

A. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 28 at 12:45 pm

WilsonJ: The Tuesday, May 3rd meeting will be held at 11 A.M.

President Burley: The Budget Advisory Committee meets this Thursday.

B. Other Announcements and Concerns

WilsonA & Lichtenstein: Announcement of Torreyson Library UCA Author Series presentation today at 3 P.M. in Torreyson Library 215; Dr. Lorien Foote.

Spivey: Constituent concern: "A Department Chair in the CLA would like the Faculty Senate to consider holding next year's Faculty Senate elections before the Fall semester is set. This should be done to allow Department Chairs to clear the newly-elected Faculty Senator from teaching on Thursdays from 12:40 to the end of x-period."

Bradley: Where are we with the retirement benefits issue?

Burley: Nothing new to report. Probably nothing new will happen with this until Fall 2011.

Bradley: What's the status of the investigation into the Honors College becoming a college without appropriate input from campus wide faculty?

Burley: If you go to the Faculty Senate webpage, the last link will lead you to a list of faculty concerns. However, regarding this issue, there is nothing new.

Bradley: Funds were taken out of the academic side of the budget to support the Oxford American and were supposed to be reimbursed by the Oxford American. Do we know whether or not the reimbursement was made? Also, the Athletic Department paid coaches out of academic budgets. Has this money been paid back? By law, this money should have been reimbursed to the academic budgets. Has there been any follow-up on this issue?

[additional comments: BrattonD, Bradley.]

Burley: These issues will be brought to the Budget Advisory Committee.

Runge: Thanks Senators for support of Part-Time Faculty.

VI. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn: BrattonG, WilsonA

MOTION approved; adjournment at 2:05 P.M.