Minutes

University of Central Arkansas Faculty Senate

Thursday, August 22, 2013

12:45 p.m.

**Attendance:**

College of Business: Jim Downey (2014), Kaye Mackenzie (2015), Don Bradley (2016)

College of Education: Shoudong Feng (2014), Alicia Cotabish (2015), Jud Copeland (2016)

College of Fine Arts and Communication: Lanette Grate (2014), Garry Craig Powell (2015), aa-Christian Carichner (2016)

College of Health and Behavioral Sciences: Melissa Shock (2014), K.C. Poole (2015), Alexandra Marshall (2016)

College of Liberal Arts: Clayton Crocket (2014), Phillip Spivey/Jacob Held (2015), Chris Craun (2016)

College of Natural Science and Mathematics: Charles Watson (2014), aa-Rahul Mehta (2015), Ben Rowley (2016).

At Large Senators: Brian Bolter (2014), Doug Isanhart (2014), Debbie Bratton (2015) Art Lichtenstein (2015), Kim Eskola (2016), Amber Wilson (2016)

I. Call to Order—President Watson called the meeting to order

A. Welcome to the newly elected Senator from College of Education, Alicia Cotabish.

II. Comments by Provost Runge

A. Higher Learning Commission visit November 11 and 12

B. AVID week will be held in October—campaign to raise awareness of our mission for students, faculty, and staff

C. Please submit feedback and comments on HLC Focus Visit to Dr. Jonathan Glenn by September 6, 2013.

D. Provost discussed new organizational chart for Academic Affairs

1. Most of the departments that used to be in Enrollment Management are now under the Associate Provost for Assessment and Enrollment Support

2. The Academic Success Center/Tutoring Center now falls under the Office of Student Success, which reports to the Associate Provost and Chief Information Officer

E. Three Dean searches will be done this year (Graduate Dean, College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, and **either** College of Business **or** College of Mathematics and Natural Sciences—this last one is to be determined within the next few weeks).

F. Enrollment Management Plan was presented to Board of Trustees last week and is now available on the Provost’s website.

G. Enrollment Report 1st day of classes (very close to targets)

1. Total Enrollment 11, 173 (up 431 from last year)

2. First Time Undergraduate 2,217

3. Campus Housing is at 102% capacity

H. Back to School Reception TODAY at the President’s House

I. General Faculty Meeting, Tuesday, August 27, at 1:40pm in Ida Waldron

J. Night of Distinction May 10, 2014

K. Faculty/Staff Breakfast December 10, 2013

L. Senator Crockett—Question about Summer Money

1. Provost Runge comments--Seeking a stabilization of summer money from the Strategic Budget Advisory Committee, but that did not pass last year. Summer enrollment was down. We are looking to increase efforts in both of these areas this year.

M. Provost Runge expressed his support for President Courtway (mentioning the hard work and effort that he has put into the position over the past few years and noting that there has been no pay increase) and supports the decision of the Board of Trustees to extend his contract to June 30, 2015.

III. Approval of Minutes: April 25, 2013

A. Motion—Senator Bradley Second—Senator Bolter

B. Approved Unanimously

IV. Approval of Minutes: April 30, 2013

A. Motion--Bolter Second—Senator Rowley

B. Approved Unanimously

V. Consideration of Request to contribute $400 to Veterans Recognition Event

A. Motion to contribute $400 to Veterans Day Event

1. Moved--Senator Bradley Second—Senator Copeland

2. Approved Unanimously

VI. Consideration of nominations from Committee on Committees

A. Motion to suspend the rules to consider the updated list of nominees:

1. Moved--Senator Copeland Second—Senator Bolter

2. Passed Unanimously

3. Please see attached list of nominations.

B. Discussion: Senator Copeland-could we get the list of people wanting to serve on these committees earlier so that we can begin the process of working on these appointments earlier.

C. Discussion: Senator Bradley-we will be doing a review of these committees this year and working to clean them up.

D. Motion to approve the list as submitted, with the exception of Elizabeth Harper on the Library Committee.

1. Moved--Senator Rowley Second--Senator Bolter

2. Passed Unanimously

VII. President Courtway Remarks

A. Three broad goals

1. Become the best undergraduate institution in the South.

2. Create a campus environment that will recruit and retain the best students, faculty, and staff in the south.

3. Increase outreach and external partners.

B. There will be a reception this afternoon at President’s house. Please come by.

VII. Announcements:

A. College Meetings—August 29, 2013 at X-period (locations will vary)

1. Please submit all concerns in writing (via email to the Faculty Senate President).

2. President Watson will send some talking points this weekend, as requested.

B. Faculty Convocation – August 27 – Ida Waldran Auditorium 1:40 p.m.

1. Please sit together near the front of the auditorium.

C. Higher Learning Commission Draft Report.

1. Please submit feedback

D. Reception: President’s Home Today: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

E. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 10, 2013.

F. Senator Bradley comments- please send a commendation letter to the Athletics Department congratulations on high GPA for all athletes.

G. Senator Bradley comments—please consider a recommendation for adopting the enrollment/admission standards of the NCAA.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn—Moved Senator Rowley Seconded Senator Wilson