

Minutes
UCA Faculty Senate
Tuesday, October 7, 2008
Wingo 315, 12:45 p.m.

President Boniecki called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. Present were Boniecki, Parrack, Seifert, Hebert, Ray, Jones, Castner-Post, Fletcher, Castro, Lichtenstein, Powers, Wiedmaier, Lance, Isom, Acre, Schaefer, Mehta, Albritton, Rospert, and Associate Provost Glenn. Advised Absences: McCullough, Bell, and Holden

I. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2008.

Correction: Section III Committee Reports, C: Academic Affairs – Should say that Senator Albritton reported a colleague’s observation that this appears to be an administrative solution to a cultural problem. Senator Ray moved for approval of minutes with correction with second by Senator Acre. Motion passed approving minutes with correction.

II. Guest Speakers on Retention, Remediation, and Graduation in Higher Education.

A. Jim Purcell, Director of the Department of Higher Education: Dr. Purcell reported that there has been a decline in adults with college education. The state wants to increase graduation rates by 67%. Dr. Purcell's presentation can be viewed at <http://www.adhe.edu/director/ucafac.ppt>

B. Sally Roden, Dean of Undergraduate Studies: Emphasized that it is a Kindergarten- Higher Education Plan- quality education. Program to provide dropouts with opportunities to finish up degree. Questions were asked concerning quality of education, the role of remediation in Higher Education, minimum of students in classes and in programs. There is a paradigm shift in Higher Education with the Subcommittee Report.

III. President’s Report.

A. Information Items: None

B. Update on Presidential Search: Still waiting for Board meeting to present president search process. Executive Committee meets with Interim President Tom Courtway tomorrow, October 8, 2008.

C. Honors Discussion Panel: Public Meeting, Thursday, October 30, x-period, location TBA: Met for 1st time. Elected Stephanie Hoffman as chair. Open meeting. Thursday, October 30, 2008, x-period. Location: Mashburn 234.

- D. Meeting with Jeff Young and Rita Fleming about Fringe Benefits Committee: What is the possibility of a bid? They discussed on a yearly basis whether or not to put out for bid. When we go out for bid people complain about switching. They wanted to reassure that it is discussed. We go out about every 4 years. By law we must go out every 7 years.
- E. Charge to Committee on Committees: *Review the charges, structures, and functioning of the standing university committees, councils, and boards. Submit recommended changes, if any, to the Faculty Senate for consideration by the Faculty Handbook Committee.*

They are to talk to chairs of committees. President Boniecki will talk with Parrack about specifics.

IV. Committee Reports.

- A. Executive Committee: No report.
- B. Committee on Committees:
 - 1. Nominees for Faculty Senate appointments to the Athletic Committee: Shannon Trimble (CEd) and Paul Nail (CHBS). Senator Parrack moved to elect Trimble and Nail to Athletic Committee with second by Senator Mehta. Motion passed approving the election.
 - 2. Recommendation: General Education Council (see Attachments 2 and 3): This is just a recommendation. No vote needed.
- C. Academic Affairs: No report
- D. Faculty Affairs I: No report
- E. Faculty Affairs II: No report

V. Announcements and Concerns.

A. Faculty Concerns and Announcements:

Senator Parrack: Asked to be updated on restoration of faculty retirees' benefits. There is \$55,000 per year for dental and life insurance that still needs to be covered.

President Boniecki: The Fringe Benefits Committee voted against a proposal to fund that by increasing dental insurance for current employees by \$5.00. Talked with President Courtway to tell him UCA needs to find the money in the budget and not pass that along to the current faculty.

Senator James: Concerns about moving the student evaluations to the banner system.

President Boniecki: Forwarded those to APAC

Senator Castro: Concerns about the quantity of freshman class. Can we get vital statistics about this growth?

B. Next Meeting: October 23, 2008.

VI. Adjournment:

Senator Mehta moved to adjourn meeting with second by Senator Ray. Motion passed approving adjournment.