UCA Faculty Senate, September 22, 2011, 12:45 pm

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

**College of Business Administration:** Summer Bartczak (2012), Don Bradley (2013), Jim Downey (2014)

**College of Liberal Arts:** Phillip Spivey (2012), Jay Ruud (2013), Clayton Crockett (2014)

**College of Education:** Jud Copeland (2012), Terri Hebert (2013), Shoudong Feng (2014)

**College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics:** George Bratton (2012), Ben Rowley (2013), Charles Watson (2014)

**College of Fine Arts & Communications:** Lynn Burley (2012), Kevin Browne (2013), Lanette Grate (2014)


I. Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2011 Moved: Senator Copeland and seconded Senator Hebert. Approved with corrections.

II. Remarks, Interim President Tom Courtway
No information regarding internal audit. Request for working notes from internal audit office from newspaper. No exemption in the law for these notes, they will be released.

III. Remarks, Associate Provost Clay Arnold
Questions raised re: TOEFL scores. Council of Deans recommended raising requirement from 500 to 550. Alexander Chen, Associate Vice President for International Engagement and Amy Fenning, Director of the Intensive English Program came to answer questions regarding the Global Education Program. Everyone takes TOEFL. The Global Education Program is held in the Spring, more openings in dorms. The program is designed to enhance local students’ multicultural experience.

An enthusiastic discussion took place regarding the actual meaning of the TOEFL scores and the actual ability the students may have. Are the students really qualified to take the courses, have the met pre-requisites. Is there support for the students? President Wilson will share faculty concerns with Academic Council.

IV. President’s Report
A. Various Updates

The HLC report: Met Sept. 6 and will meet on Monday. Chart of Responsibilities developed by Dean Hattlestad. President Wilson met with Senator Spivey re: communication issues. Institutionalize open means of communication. Also spoke with Brad Teague regarding this issue. Preliminary reports due Jan. 15.

SPARC. Meeting today at 3:00. Report re: enrollment management strategy. Also working on brief statement that tags UCA, 10 to 15 words. Also will work on goals. Have a campus wide meeting regarding goals. To be given to Budget Advisory.

Budget Advisory met. Diane Newton spoke about 3 Legislative Mandates. All reports have to be in electronic form and posted. Looks like ADHE will do this. Open Checkbook: The Legislature is requiring all public schools to post all expenditures, travel, salary, everything, starts this summer. Build to 10 years to posted at a time. Performance funding. Beginning next year 5% of state funds to be held back at the beginning of the school year. Whether or not we get it back depends upon if we meet enrollment and performance goals. The percentage increases 5% a year until it caps at 25%. The performance standards are unclear at this point.

SGA banquet on Friday. President, Provost, and Vice Presidents spoke at the banquet. President Wilson emphasized that it was about the students and that it was a great pleasure to be in attendance.

Executive Committee met with Provost on Tuesday. Provost wants an informal committee of Veterans to make sure UCA is meeting the needs of Veterans.

Faculty Senate webpages: The program is very difficult to work with. Our pages are to be moved over to WordPress. If we get phone calls regarding links not working, etc. please ask the caller to be patient. Senator Bradley suggested that Carla Barber might have some students who can help with this project.

B. Status of Previous Concerns

Concern regarding public criticism of Debra Hale Shelton shared with Media Advisory Committee.

How can we make sure positive items get forward to Media Advisory and dealt with? Anyone can forward information. Once they get information everything goes into Bear Ledger. Then they set up list that goes out to the media (print and electronic). May be featured in UCA magazine.

Banned Books week concern. Amplification restrictions. Executive Committee met on Tuesday, recommended following Board policy on amplification usage on Chapel steps.
V. Senate Committee Reports
   A. Executive Committee

1. Charges
   a. Academic Affairs
      Expanded Charge: Work with Dr. Maurice Lee, co-chair of the
      Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Response Committee, as he
      coordinates the efforts across campus to address the HLC concerns
      relating to the issue of diversity.

   b. Faculty Handbook
      Charge: Clarify the paragraph in Chapter 3 on page 3-8:

      The normal teaching load for twelve month faculty may vary from thirty (30) to
      thirty-six (36) credit hours per annum, depending upon departmental teaching
      needs. The normal teaching load for nine-month faculty is twenty-four (24) credit
      hours per nine-month period. The teaching load may be distributed across the
      academic year, summer sessions, and intercessions in a manner that best meets
      the teaching needs of the department while taking into account the timing of
      scholarly and service commitments.

      In the past some 9-month faculty taught 27 credit hours per
      academic year. Must departments and colleges now be held to the
      24 hour limit, or may they choose to continue with the 27 hour
      limit? How might a department or college request the 27 hour
      limit?

   c. Committee on Committees
      Original charge posted was updated to following:
      Charge: Create an ad hoc committee to facilitate a campus-wide
      discussion of the impact of the legislative requirement to limit
      degree programs to 120 hours and the 35-hour transferable core on
      our general education program. In addition, this committee should
      coordinate with the General Education Council and the Higher
      Learning Commission Report Committee.

      Associate Provost Clay Arnold clarified as follows: Requires that
      Associates be capped at 60 hours and Bachelors at 120 hours. The
      act provides for exceptions especially when driven by licensing or
      accreditation issues. ADHE anticipates approving the changes in
      April. All curricular changes will need to go through our approval
      process before it can come before the BOT, which meets in
      December, that deadline is Nov. 18, 2011. Reducing current degree
      programs to 120 can be accomplished for the most part by
      reducing the number of general electives required.
President Wilson will request that the information regarding 120 hours to graduate trickle down to those faculty members who are advising students.

B. Committee on Committees
   1. Committee appointments needing Senate approval:

   Senator Browne and Senator Rudd moved and seconded.
   Disability Grievance
   re-appoint Rene LeBeau-Ford

   Fringe Benefits Advisory
   part-time rep: Mary Anne Campbell

   Honors Council
   Leah Horton – NSM

   Library Committee
   one-semester appointment for Lorien Foote (on sabbatical): Jim Fowler

   Sponsored Programs Advisory
   Renee LeBeau-Ford

   Undergraduate Council
   Paige Reynolds – LA

   University Computing and Information Technology
   One-year replacement for Kathleen Atkins (resigned): Wendy Rickman

   Approved unanimously

C. Academic Affairs
No report

D. Faculty Affairs I
To meet with subcommittee Oct. 4.

E. Faculty Affairs II
Senator Spivey asked that they immediately meet after this meeting

VI. Announcements and Concerns
   A. Next meeting: October 11th at 12:45 pm in Wingo Hall 315
   B. Other Announcements and Concerns
Senator Isanhart: request Fringe Benefit advisory committee. Asked for a change in name to Employee Benefits Advisory Committee.

Senator D. Bratton: What progress is being made to make University College a department with a full-time Chair?

Senator Rowley: Concerned about the Banned Books week not being amplified.

VII. Adjournment Moved Senator Ray, Second Senator Hebert.