Minutes

University of Central Arkansas Faculty Senate

September 26, 2013

**Attendance:**

College of Business: Jim Downey (2014), Kaye McKinzie (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), Christian Carichner (2016)

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

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

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

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

I. Call to Order

II. Comments: President Courtway

1. Attended a banquet for the recognition of five UCA students with scholarships at LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens), very good experience, great opportunity for these UCA students.
2. Bill Cosby tonight, Thursday, September 26, 2013.
3. Semester is off to a good start.

III. Comments Provost Runge

1. Stem Institute open house today, Thursday, September 26, at 2pm in Main 212.
2. Distinguished Scholars Day tomorrow, Friday, September 27, 2013 (Potential students 28 ACT score and above).
3. Avid week will be held October 7-11, 2013.
4. X-period Tuesday, October 8, 2013, we will have faculty panel on Academic Vitality chaired by David Keith (COB Auditorium).
5. Family Day October 28 (many activities all over campus and a football game).
6. Flu Shot Campaign (October 29 and 30, 2013) offered by Student Health Services. Students will have first opportunity, then faculty/staff.
7. Expansion of HPER (will be shut-down for 4 months in 2014): open bids went out to see who would provide services during this time and Hendrix won bid.
8. Discussion of E-Cigarettes on campus—Please give your feedback to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. This will be an ongoing discussion.
9. Building projects: architectural and engineering firm will begin top to bottom examination of Lewis Science Center as soon as possible. Hoping to have this information by the December BOT meeting.
10. Investiture for President Courtway at 2pm Wednesday, November 20, 2013.
11. Planning an event to celebrate enrollment increase, Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at 3pm on McAlister Hall lawn. Lots of people have made this possible, and we should celebrate.
12. Question by Senator Grate: Concerning the Faculty members who have been in continuing non-permanent positions for 7 or more years. Provost replied that he is reviewing information that has been provided to him by Deans and decisions/recommendations will be made soon. The provost also provided some background and historical information about this issue.
13. Question Senator Copeland: Concerning the diversity part of our AVID statement. Are we going to re-examine our diversity statement? President Watson replied that the executive staff has been considering this and will be bringing something forward soon.

IV. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2013

1. Motion by Senator Copeland, seconded Senator Powell.
2. Passed unanimously.

V. Annual Report from Strategic Planning Committee—Dr. Nancy Reece

 A. See attached report.

B. Dr. Reese briefly summarized the goals and actions of this committee. She discussed the revisions to the Strategic Plan and recommendations made. Strategic Budget Advisory Committee will be considering proposals this year just like last year. Proposals for this year are due by October 25, 2013, and hearings will be November 14, 2013, at X-period in the BOT meeting room.

VI. Consideration of Resolution for Academic Achievement for Student Athletes—Senator Bradley

1. Motion to accept the resolution Senator Bradley, second Senator Bolter.
2. Discussion: Friendly amendment to add “the athletic department” under therefore and change wording of “teams” to “universities.”
3. Passed unanimously.

VII. Consideration of Report from Committee on Committees—Senator Bradley

1. Motion to suspend the rules for consideration of the list (see attached) by Senator Bradley, second Senator Bolter
2. Passed Unanimously
3. Motion to accept list of nominations as submitted by Senator Bradley, second Senator Bolter
4. Passed Unanimously

VIII. Update on Election of Part-Time Faculty Representative—Senator Wilson

1. Have two confirmed candidates, so far, and waiting on confirmation from a third.
2. As soon as the complete list of emails is received from the Provost’s office, we will be ready to move forward with trial run. Need the trial run to make sure that we have all of the right email addresses, people who want to participate have not opted out of survey monkey, and to make sure nothing gets caught in junk mail filters.
3. Tentatively planning to do the trial run on Monday, September 30, 2013, and the election on Friday, October 4, 2013.

IX. Charge to Standing Committees

1. The Faculty Senate President is still working out who will chair the following committees and who will serve on them.

1. Faculty Affairs I

2. Faculty Affairs II

3. Academic Affairs

X. Concerns

A. Senator Bradley—Committee on Committees continues to work to fill the last few vacant spots. If your college has empty spots, please try to help fill those.

 B. Senator Copeland—Thanks to Senator Wilson for doing a great job with the minutes.

C. Senator Rowley—Will be sending out a survey for salary review committee. Please participate!

D. Provost Runge—November 11 and 12, 2013, are the dates for the Higher Learning Commission visit. We all need to be prepared.

XI. Adjournment

1. Motion by Senator Rowley , Seconded by Senator Mehta .
2. Passed Unanimously.