

Minutes
University of Central Arkansas Faculty Senate
August 27th, 2015
Wingo 315, 12:45 pm

A reminder – this meeting must end by 1:30 pm in order for Senators to meet with their constituents in the annual meetings. In these meetings, the Senators will hear any concerns faculty would like the Senate to attempt to address in the coming year.

Attendance:

College of Business: Don Bradley (2016), Doug Voss (2017), Kaye McKinzie (2018)

College of Education: Jud Copeland (2016), Kevin Stoltz (2017), Nancy P. Gallavan (2018)

College of Fine Arts and Communication: Jane Dahlenburg (2016), Larry Dilday (2017)

College of Health and Behavioral Sciences: Duston Morris (2016), Denise Demers (2018)

College of Liberal Arts: Chris Craun (2016), John Parrack (2017), Taine Duncan (2018)

College of Natural Science and Mathematics: Ben Rowley (2016), Lori Isom (2017), Rahul Mehta (2018)

At Large Senators: Kim Eskola (2016), Amber Wilson (2016), Lisa Christman (2017), Lisa Ray (2017), Phillip Spivey (2018), Julia Winden-Fey (2018)

- I. Welcome and Call to Order - President Rowley
 - Call to Order: 12:45 pm
 - Major issues for this year: concurrent enrollment; Cost of Living and merit/equity increases

- II. Report - Provost Runge
Announcements by Steve Runge, Executive Vice President and Provost (following taken directly from Provost Report)
 - Fall Enrollment (6th day of classes)
 - Total Enrollment
 - Fall 2015: 11,598
 - Fall 2014: 11,589 (increase of 0.1% or 9 students)
 - Fall 2013: 11,472 (increase of 1.1% or 126 students)
 - Total FTE
 - Fall 2015: 9,934.2
 - Fall 2014: 9,840.2 (increase of 1.0% or 94.0 FTE)
 - Fall 2013: 9,856.1 (increase of 0.8% or 78.1 FTE)
 - General Faculty Meeting
 - An electronic copy of the 2015 General Faculty Meeting booklet can be found at <http://uca.edu/academicaffairs/files/2015/08/General-Faculty-Meeting-Booklet.pdf>
 - myUCA Outage Update

During the week of August 17, 2015, the university experienced intermittent outages with myUCA and Gmail. These problems appear related to the configuration of our firewall. The firewall is designed in such a way as to permit or deny traffic on our network based on specific rules. It appears that some of the rules may have been conflicting with each other and by deleting and recreating the rules we were able to resolve the issue.

We are currently reviewing our firewall configuration and will be ordering new devices soon that will replace our current hardware. In addition, we may move Gmail and Blackboard so that they are no longer behind the myUCA sign-on page. This change would eliminate the firewall issue in its entirety for those services. However, users will need to sign in to those accounts separately.

- Announcements:
- Check Presentation
 - 2:00 p.m. today in the College of Business lobby
 - \$3 million-dollar check presentation from the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department to the UCA College of Business to support and expand the Supply Chain Logistics Management program.
 - Funds will be used to endow a faculty position.

HIGHLIGHTS from Provost Report

- Enrollment and FTE is up for the 2015-2016 year
- General Faculty Meeting
- My UCA Outage
- Check Presentation of \$3 million
- Questions: No questions for the Provost at this time

III. Report – President Courtway: President Courtway, out of respect for time restraints and college meetings, did not make a report during this meeting.

IV. Report – Senator Eskola, Faculty Senate Secretary/Treasurer:

- Faculty Senate budget = \$6,664.00.
 - UCA Student Help = \$1,139.00
 - One Credit Course Release for President of FS = \$3,150.00
 - Maintenance and Operation = \$2,375.00
- The President's office transferred an End of Year amount of \$15,000.00 each to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate and SGA.

ACTION ITEMS:

V. Consideration of the minutes from the April 28th 2015 Faculty Senate meeting

- Senator Bradley moved to accept minutes
- Senator Copeland second the motion
- Minutes approved

- VI. Committee on Committees nominations for various University committee positions – report and information from Senator McKinzie, Faculty Senate Vice-President/President-Elect
- CoC report: report was e-mailed for consideration. Senator McKinzie handed out a new committee report that included one change. Phillip Spivey would not be considered due to tenure requirements for the Academic Integrity and Discipline Committee.
 - Motion to approve nominations from the Committee on Committees with the one change was moved by Senator Wilson
 - Senator Ray second the motion
 - Discussion
 - Senator Dilday expressed concern that there are no CFAC nominations for a committee. Senator Dahlenburg was recognized by President Rowley to respond on behalf of the CFAC and as the representative from CoC. She explained that she was new to CoC and was working on finding representatives from the college for the vacated spots on committees. Senator McKinzie also explained that some positions are still open but the CoC was still looking for faculty members to fill the open spots. There are some CFAC representatives that are still serving on the committees because their terms has not expired yet.
 - Senator Parrack asked for rationale for the nomination of Patricia Smith to the Student Success and Retention Council as an unaffiliated faculty. Senator Christman explained that the rationale for her nomination was due to her work in the Honor's College.
 - Senator McKinzie made a plea for assistance in finding representatives from college to fill the open spots on various committees.
 - Friendly amendment by McKinzie – to remove the Unaffiliated from behind Patricia Smith's name. Amendment accepted by Senator Wilson who made the motion and Senator Ray who second the motion.
 - Motion for the nomination by the CoC was approved.
- VII. Donation to UCA Veteran's Day Committee Scholarship Fund
- It was pointed out by Senator Parrack that President Rowley did not conduct correct procedures for the Senate to vote on the UCA Veteran's Day donation. President Rowley chalked it up to his first (and hopefully) only mistake as the President of Faculty Senate and will work on proposal for the next meeting.

CLOSING ITEMS:

- VIII. Faculty announcements and concerns
- Senator Morris expressed continued issues for faculty parking. One problem area is parking behind student ministries by apartments. It appears that parking spots were taken from faculty for apartments residents.
 - Senator Bradley would like Senators to submit suggestions for Faculty handbook. One area he would like suggestions is for ways to make identifying faculty to serve on committees easier to complete.
 - Senator Copeland reminded Faculty Senate that faculty concerns were due to President Rowley by August 31st at high noon.
 - Senator Mehta had concerns about the health and safety of faculty, staff and student in the Lewis Science Center due to the mosquito problem and other problems that have been related to the construction of LSC.

- Senator Stoltz commended Christian Cafeteria for doing a better job this summer on eliminating the smells behind the building. He also commented that the recording at the IT Help Desk shorter which is nice.
- Senator Winden-Fey brought forth a concern from constituents about the mandatory training sessions that have to be completed every year. Faculty wanted to know if there was a way to make it every other year and do two in opposite years. She also brought forth the questions about advance registration. Since UCA was doing away with the “alpha” registration, would athletes register at the same time as other students? Provost Runge answered that question by replying that athletes would still register before seniors in order to accommodate practice schedules.
- Senator Isom brought forth concerns from constituents regarding the Strategic Planning presentation on August 26, 2015.
"Several faculty expressed concern regarding the presentation on 8/26/15 by Dr. Brad Fenwick of Elsevier whose aim was described as being part of a discussion about the current state and future direction of scholarly activity at the university". These faculty members attended the presentation and were concerned about 1) the specific ways in which the data presented were to be used in strategic planning and 2) whether the conclusions presented reflected an impending administrative shift in focus toward increased requirement for scholarly activity from the faculty. Detailed scholarly activity data sorted by department and college were also requested."
- Senator Dilday expressed concerns about the “three and out” program with visiting professors. Several good professors have been lost because after three years their contract is not renewed because of the policy. More tenure lines should open up for these faculty, however, the lines are not given to the departments and departments lose good professors and have to start over with visiting professors who they have to train.
- Senator Wilson reviewed the handouts on Roberts Rules of Order, Constitution, and By-Laws. She asked that Faculty Senate please refer to them throughout the year to make meetings run smooth.
- Senator McKinzie asked if faculty had to take an overload course or could they turn down the overload course. Provost Runge answered that a faculty member could turn down the overload course. They did not have to teach it. Senator McKinzie wanted clarification on overload pay during the fall and spring semesters. The Provost clarified by stating that overload pay is the same as adjunct unless there are special circumstances.
- Senator McKinzie also expressed concern and encourage administration to look at the Academic Integrity policy as it pertains to UCA on-line classes. There have been some instances where students have been caught on video cheating but the academic integrity policy has not been enforced.

IX. Senator Ray moved to adjourn. Senator Parrack second the motion. Faculty Senate adjourned at 1:20 pm in order for Faculty Senators to meet with their Constituents.