

MINUTES
UCA Faculty Senate
January 24, 2013
Wingo 315, 12:45 pm

College of Business Administration: Don Bradley (2013), Jim Downey (2014), Kaye McKinzie (2015)

College of Liberal Arts : Jay Ruud (2013), Clayton Crockett (2014), Jacob Held (2015)

College of Education: Janet Filer (2013), Shoudong Feng (2014), Cheryl Wiedmaier (2015)

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

College of Fine Arts & Communications: Kevin Browne (2013), Lanette Grate (2014), Garry Craig Powell (2015)

College of Health & Behavioral Sciences: K.C. Poole (2015) Lisa Ray (2013), Melissa Shock (2014),

At-Large Senators: Debbie Bratton (UC, 2015), Janet Wilson (CLA, 2013), Amber Wilson (Library, 2013), Brian Bolter (CHBS, 2014), Doug Isanhart (CB, 2014), Art Lichtenstein (LIB 2015),

I. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2012 and January 9, 2013 (see attached)

Motion to approve 12-13 minutes, Motion Senator Rowley, Second Senator Filer
Unanimously approved as revised.

Motion to approve 1-9 minutes, Motion Senator Rowley, Second Senator Filer
Unanimously approved as revised.

II. Remarks, President Tom Courtway

New trustee Sheila Vaught to replace Rush Harding III. 7 year term. Also has a 2 year appointment on audit committee.

III. Remarks, Interim Provost Steve Runge

General Education Core passed. Lower division implemented in the Fall.

RE: November team visit from HLC. Renewed focus on assessment of existing programs.

RE: Provost. Becky Rasnick to be interim for 12 months

IV. Election of Parliamentarian

Nominate Ben Rowley Senator Bolter, Second Senator Bradley.

Motion nominations be closed. Senator Bolter, Second Senator Bradley.

Senator Rowley elected unanimously.

V. Wendy Castro, student evaluation items; student rights and

responsibilities (see attached).

Dr. Castro unable to attend.

Issue of eval questions tabled until next meeting.

RE: Student Rights and Responsibilities – Motion to endorse Senator Burley, Second Senator Rowley.

Endorsed contingent upon revisions unanimously.

See attached.

VI. President's Report

Denise Copeland passed away last week. Her husband Judd Copeland was on the Senate for years.

Janet Filer to head up collection of funds from Senators for donation to ACS and purchase card. Card available to sign in Provost's Office to sign from Friday til Wednesday.

A. Plan for NSM college election to replace George Bratton

week of Feb. 11.

Nominations have been made.

B. At-Large election March 1.

At large senators can pioneer electronic voting so that it may be used in future elections.

C. RE: Changes to constitution approved at December meeting. 2/3 of 1/2 of total faculty have to approve. President will send material out to everyone. Senators asked to create strategy to get out the vote.

X. Senate Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

No report.

B. Committee on Committees

C. Academic Affairs

No report

D. Faculty Affairs I

Charge to revise Board Policy regarding Presidential search/hiring process. See attached. An enthusiastic discussion ensued.

E. Faculty Affairs II

No report.

XI. Announcements and Concerns

A. Next meeting: February 12, 2013, at 12:45 in Wingo 315

B. Other Announcements and Concerns

Senator Crocket: I am writing with a concern for the Faculty Senate. I served on the Fringe Benefits Committee when Hardin took away the retiree benefits (so that employees could continue to pay their portion until they reached the age where Medicare would begin). We voted to reinstate the group that had recently retired until that December and that we wanted those benefits re-instated when there was money available. I think if someone gives years of service to UCA, the least we can do is to allow them to continue their medical coverage without having to pay the outrageous cost of COBRA. Some guidelines could be set (a minimum length of employment, set a flat fee that would have to be paid to take into account that the rates might increase, etc.). I am concerned that since I rolled off this committee (and all those members who had voted on this are gone except Lori Hudspeth) that this will never be resurrected. I would like for the Employee Benefits Advisory Committee to take this matter into consideration once again. Such a request would need to be put into the strategic plan and its budget.

Senator Feng: I just want to know that the Registrar's office (and any new registrar) is given a correct procedure to follow (and that it's communicated effectively) before making changes.

XII. Adjournment

Moved Senator

Second Senator