

UCA Faculty Senate Minutes of Monday, 7/13/09, 1:30 P.M., Wingo Hall 315

President Parrack called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Members Present

- Business Administration: Bartczak.
- Education: Albritton, Copeland.
- Fine Arts and Communication: Burley, Rospert.
- Liberal Arts: Castro, Parrack, Spivey.
- Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Bratton G, Seifert.
- Health and Behavioral Sciences: Fletcher, McCullough.
- At-Large Senators: Bratton D, Jones, Lichtenstein, Ray, Schaefer.
- Office of the Provost: Provost Grahn.

I. Approval of Tuesday 5/5/09 minutes: Approved as submitted.

II. President's Report.

A. President Parrack held meetings with President Meadors on Friday 6/19/09 and Thursday 7/2/09. He met with UCA Board of Trustees liaison, Mr. Randy Sims, on Friday 5/22/09.

B. Revision to Board Policy 408:

This policy is designed to provide an incentive for faculty and staff who seek grant funding. It was reviewed recently to ensure compliance with federal and state laws and as part of an overall review of all board policies. It is one of the board policies that was specifically cited in the UCA audit this past year.

Senator McCullough: Shared comment from one of her constituents that this policy is too complicated and should provide for a smoother procedure. Perhaps require that the approval process be initiated only after a proposal has been funded.

Provost Grahn: Not feasible. Proposals have to be reviewed at the beginning of the process.

Senator Fletcher: Clarification sought for policy line #45, "Incentives shall be paid from state monies in accordance with performance review processes."

Provost Grahn: The intent is to bring this process under uniform, campus wide, procedural controls.

C. Committee Charge: President Parrack charged the Faculty Affairs One Committee to, "Investigate concerns regarding the purpose, development, and level of faculty participation in campus training and diversity programs provided by the IDC and Office of University Training, and present a report/recommendation to the Senate." President Parrack asked the committee, chaired by Senator George Bratton, to submit their review by Friday 10/15/09.

III. Committee Reports.

A. Executive Committee.

1. Meeting with President Meadors: The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with President Meadors on Monday 7/13/09. Executive Committee members reported that their discussion with President Meadors included the following items:

a) Need to review UCA's overall mission, especially with regard to whether we wish to focus on undergraduate or graduate education.

b) Need to create a strategic plan.

c) Need to create a master plan for the use of physical space.

d) A recognition by President Meadors that UCA's core mission is academics.

e) The possibility of monthly meetings between President Meadors and the Executive Committee.

f) The possibility of President Meadors attending a Faculty Senate meeting after his fall 2009 address to the UCA faculty.

2. President Parrack distributed an academic priorities budget worksheet and asked Senators to prioritize listed items and to return their lists to him as soon as possible. President Parrack answered miscellaneous questions about the worksheet.

B. Committee on Committees—Committee Appointments (TBA).

Senator Burley distributed the 2009-2010 University Committee Recommendations chart.

Senator Schaefer: Motion to suspend the rules for consideration of the committee appointments. Second by Senator Castro. No discussion.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Senator Copeland: Motion to approve the recommendations. Second by Senator Ray.

Senator Schaefer: Questioned the note, "Recommendations are made by Deans" with regard to appointments to the Professional Education Council. Senator Burley explained that this was a clerical error, and that the notation should have appeared in the far right column. The correction is that Wayda and Carlin are rolling off this committee and are being replaced by Howell and Bane.

Vote: Unanimous Approval.

C. Academic Affairs, Senator Schaefer: No report.

D. Faculty Affairs I, Senator George Bratton: No report.

E. Faculty Affairs II, Senator Ray: No report.

IV. Announcements and Concerns.

A. First meeting of Fall semester: Thursday, 8/27/09 at 12:45 P.M.

B. Send CVs to Susan Lilly: SusanL@uca.edu.

C. Faculty announcements and concerns.

Senator Castro: What is the status of the academic misconduct policy?

Provost Grahm: The Council of Deans worked on this policy over the past year. It is still in draft form, and the next step is for it to go to the Student Government Association.

President Parrack: Will the final draft be presented to the Faculty Senate for review?

Provost Grahm: Yes.

Senator Fletcher: Will someone review this policy to see how it meshes with the UCA Honor Code?

Provost Grahm: Yes. This is a very complicated process. We will need to find a way to bring representatives of all the constituent groups together for one final meeting. These groups will include the Council of Deans, the Student Government Association, and the Faculty Senate.

Senator Schaefer: Announced that the Arkansas State AAUP Conference annual academic freedom award will go to Kurt Bonecki, UCA Faculty Senate Past-President. This award recognizes a faculty member or administrator whose activity exemplifies the principles of academic freedom and shared governance.

Senator Fletcher: Where does UCA stand financially?

Provost Grahm: Although we began fiscal year 2008-2009 over \$8,000,000 in debt, we are not, at present, in debt. However, since we have no reserve funds, we will probably have to borrow money during the 2009-2010 year.

Provost Grahm: Would there be faculty opposition to amending the procedures for promotion and tenure, or advancement, to include a requirement that a curriculum vitae be submitted with every application as submitted to the college dean? Also, would there be faculty opposition to a requirement that the vitae be copied to the Office of the Provost?

Provost Grahm: President Meadors is very serious about meeting with all faculty in groups of eight. If anyone has procedural suggestion for how to do this, please forward them to the Office of the Provost.

Senator Castro: The Office of the Provost may have information on a similar procedure employed by our previous provost.

V. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Senator Ray, seconded by Senator Castro.

Vote: Unanimous Approval.