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President Parrack called the meeting to order at 12:45 P.M.

Members Present

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

I. Approval of Minutes from August 27, 2009 (attached pdf: senminutes082709)

MOTION to Approve: Copeland, second by Hebert.

Rospert: Request that the minutes be amended to include the full text of the two faculty concerns that Professor Rospert presented to the Senate during the Announcements & Concerns sections of the 8/27/09 meeting.

Lichtenstein: The omission was an error by Lichtenstein. The full text of these concerns will be inserted into amended minutes.

APPROVED as amended, unanimous.

II. President's Report

A. Faculty Senate Scholar---Keela Erwin ay09-10 \$1,200.

Dr. Alma Corley introduced Ms. Keela Erwin, the AY 2009-2010 Faculty Scholar, spoke about spreading the word about this scholarship, and explained that it's purpose is to recognize our "appreciation of academic excellence." Ms. Erwin's award will be reported by the UCA Echo.

B. Academic Priorities Worksheet (attached pdf: cademicprioritiesranking090809)

Copeland: With regard to these rankings, what will be the follow-up?

President Parrack: Provost Grahn has this information, and it will serve as an additional data point for him in decision making.

Provost Grahn: Anticipates that this information will be shared with the Budget Advisory Committee. Also, it will be used to help the Office of the Provost establish budget priorities for the Academic Division.

III. Committee Reports.

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A. Executive Committee.

1. Meeting with President Meadors.

President Parrack reported on this meeting. The Executive Committee explained to President Meadors the recent history and significance of the Budget Advisory Committee and asked that he follow the Faculty Handbook in using it during AY 2009-2010. President Meadors indicated that he would be happy to continue with the Budget Advisory Committee as suggested by the Executive Committee. President Meadors also indicated that he was not convinced that this committee represents the most efficient way to work on university budgeting.

Burley: President Meadors was concerned that the BAC structure would lend itself to bickering among committee members. The Executive Committee explained that the Committee operated in a cordial manner during its AY 2008-2009 deliberations.

2. Committee Charges.

a. Salary Review: Investigate the competitiveness of summer school compensation at UCA as it compares to UALR, ASU, UAF and other relevant institutions. Present a report/recommendation by December 1, 2009.

Bell: When did we last do a salary review?

Seifert: Five years ago.

Bell: Might be worth looking at it and at earlier ones from the 1990's.

President Parrack: All of this information should be in the Salary Review Committee files.

b. Scholarship: Study and report on the scholarships awarded by UCA for the 2009-2010 academic year including the total number, the amounts and the classification (e.g. athletic by team, Honors College, academic, performing arts). Present a report by November 1, 2009.

c. University Admissions: Investigate UCA's adherence to admission policies/guidelines as it pertains to minimum admission points, ACT scores, and the final date for new admits and course enrollments. Review the feasibility of implementing the Admissions Guidelines from the spring of 2007. Summarize the current plan for university admissions. Present a report/recommendation by November 15, 2009.

d. University Computing: Study and report on the level and nature of technology support/resources available to and needed by faculty teaching online courses (e.g. IDC, Center for Instructional Technology). Investigate and summarize any current plans regarding technology infrastructure pertaining to online education. Present a report/recommendation by December 15, 2009.

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e. University Computing: Study and report on the adequacy of UCA's committee structures at the university and college levels as they pertain to effective communication and training of faculty in the use of instructional technology. Present a report/recommendation by December 15, 2009.

Bartczak: Does the charge of the University Computing Committee include looking into computing support that is not necessarily for the support of online courses? Are we choosing, intentionally, to not look at computer support for regular classroom needs? Especially for the procurement of technology that is not, necessarily, for online courses.

President Parrack: These concerns can be dealt with in conversations with the Provost. They are not really part of the Committee's charge.

Hebert: I served on a committee a couple of years ago that investigated technology on campus. Perhaps we should review the findings of that committee? (was chaired by Castro)

B. Committee on Committees—Committee Appointments (attached pdf: universitycommittees090809)

Burley: MOTION to approve; second by Bell. (i.e. to approve the second round of university committee appointments).

APPROVED, unanimous.

C. Academic Affairs: No report.

D. Faculty Affairs I: No report.

E. Faculty Affairs II: No report.

IV. Announcements and Concerns

A. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 12:45 pm

President Parrack: President Meadors will attend the 9/24/09 meeting.

B. Other Announcements and concerns

President Parrack: Concern from constituent, "I'm troubled by the changes being made to what I thought were formalized class periods. We now have some classes being held from 8:00-9:15 on MW and from 9:25-10:40 on MW.

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I also have reports from students about an instructor who asked students if they could meet from 2:00-3:15 on MW. When a show of hands determined that three students had classes at 3:00, the instructor changed the time period anyway. I can't even imagine how bizarre this is for the students who now have to leave class "early," missing--I'm assuming--a substantive 25 minutes.

I'm troubled by these actions and would like the Faculty Senate to consider whether we need some kind of formal policy for making such changes or whether, indeed, we should allow such changes at all."

Albritton: Concern from constituent,
"Changes for improving parking can come about through the efforts of the Faculty Senate to continue highlighting the problems. Suggestions: find a new practice field for the band to alleviate some of the problems; consider if faculty would be interested in paying more for a reserved parking spot. A poll could be conducted to see if faculty would be open to this idea."

Burley: Could this concern be forwarded to the Parking and Traffic Committee?

President Parrack: Yes, they could look at it.

Fletcher: If faculty reiterate concerns to senators, should they be brought forward to the Senate?

President Parrack: At present, the Executive Committee is focusing on the concerns that have already been submitted to the appropriate committees. It is also preparing a response to all of the other concerns that were voiced during the meetings with senators.

V. Adjournment: 1:08 P.M.

Copeland: MOTION to adjourn; second by Hebert.

APPROVED, unanimous.