

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 4, 2008

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met September 4, 2008 in the Faculty/Staff Commons of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

There were no proxies.

President Bates called the meeting to order and welcomed Pat Sanders from Communications and Theatre replacing Senator Green and Crescente Figueroa from Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene replacing Senator Gaunder.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes for the April 24, 2008 meeting were approved with two corrections.

President Cale updated the Senate on two issues reported about the university in the newspaper. The China story was correct. We are bringing in high quality, economically able students. The student loan story was confusing. Because of the capital credit crisis, lending entities are having difficulty securing student loan monies. Our provider, EdAmerica has not been able to get federal funds. In the summer the students were sent a letter that we might be late in delivering the loan checks due to the changeover of our system. We have fourteen days but we were able to get the checks ready if funds were given to the university in 48 hours. We have issued all loan checks for which we have funds.

President Cale stated that there are two important searches in progress: Director of International Programs and the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Search Committee for the Director of International Programs has met and is beginning to write the advertisement. President Bates is overseeing the election of members for the Search Committee for the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

President Cale reported that although we have reduced the size of the MBA classes by 100 due to accreditation and reduced the number of international students from 1300 to 900, we have not seen a substantial drop in enrollment. This is due to the largest freshman class, the second largest transfer group and improved retention. The credit hour production has seen less than a one percent drop. We should not see any impact on our budgets.

Vice-President Warren stated that the distance learning continues to play an important role at the university. There were 118 sections of distance learning classes with 2972 students enrolled.

ATTACHMENT A

ADA TASK FORCE

May 2005 – Task Force convened by President Cale

Members:

Sandra Loew, Chair

Jennifer Adams

Larry Bates

Paul Crandon

Ann Dillon

Kim Greenway

Vagn Hanson

Barry Morris

Angie Pickens

Developed policy and procedures; piloted procedures; all approved by Faculty senate and Administration.

Task Force met in May 2008 to assess implementation of policies and procedures.

Outcome:

Recommend the panel process should continue for two more years.