

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
**March 10, 2011**

laboratory design firm has been hired to work along with the architect on the new Science Building. The Board of Trustees Executive Committee met in executive session to approve new furniture for Rice and Rivers Halls. The East Campus Maintenance Facility should be finished in a month and occupied within 2 months.

President Cale reported that there will be a new telephone system implemented for the campus using voice over internet protocol.

Vice-President Thornell reported on the new policy on violence in the workplace. If you make a comment that suggests violence to deal with an issue, you will be escorted off campus. He also discussed that promotions have been announced but the faculty need to realize that only half of those applying received promotion. We need to make the process as transparent as possible.

### **REPORTS:**

- A. President Richardson shared a copy of his report to President Cale concerning the Athletics Issue. (See Attachment A)
- B. President Richardson reported from the Ad hoc Committee on Modification to the Shared Governance Structure. The document the senate approved has been submitted to the Shared Governance Committee, the Staff Senate, and the SGA.
- C. Senator Gaston reported that the Faculty Affairs Committee is reviewing the recommended revisions from President Cale for the Faculty Handbook.
- D. The Academic Affairs Committee did not have a report. The committee is working on the computer utilization policy.
- E. Senator Peterson thanked the faculty for the suggestions for the Faculty Attitude Survey. The Faculty Attitude Survey Committee expects to release the survey next week. She asked that senators encourage their colleagues to respond.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Senator Statom moved that the proposal concerning Thanksgiving Break be amended to say that classes begin on Monday evening and Study Day be removed to allow the entire week of Thanksgiving off. Senator Hulseby seconded. The amendment passed 22-9-2. The vote for taking the entire week of Thanksgiving off passed 24-7-3.
- B. Senator Statom moved to postpone the consideration of the Distance Learning Policies and Procedure Manual. Senator Lee seconded. The motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. President Richardson reminded those senators whose terms were expiring that elections for replacements must be made no later than the fourth week of April with the first meeting of new senators Tuesday, May 3.
- B. Senators Hall, Sanders, and Carrasco were elected to the Nominating Committee.
- C. President Richardson reported the vacancies on shared governance committees and stated that nominations would be taken by email.
- D. Senator Peterson moved that the limit of the vita length be changed from one to five. Senator Lee seconded. The motion passed.
- E. President Richardson presented a remission of course hour fees policy which had been passed by the EC. He asked that the senators share with their constituents. Senator Statom moved to accept the proposal. Senator Carrasco seconded. Senator Gafford moved to postpone. Senator Gaston seconded. The motion to postpone passed.

Senator Roden moved that the meeting be adjourned. Senator Statom seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

## ATTACHMENT A

### MEMORANDUM

Dr. William G. Cale

Faculty Senate

February 28, 2011

Towards the Future of UNA Athletics—Faculty Concerns

#### INTRODUCTION

On February 6, 2011, all members of the Faculty Senate were asked to discuss the future of UNA Athletics with the departments or units they represent. Specifically, senators from each department or unit were asked to come up with a list of the top five concerns expressed by their respective departments regarding UNA making the move to the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (D-I FCS). They were asked to interact considerably with their constituents to form this list and that the list be prioritized from the greatest (1) to the least (5) concern. Concomitantly, they were also requested to provide a list of the top five concerns, again prioritized from greatest (1) concern to least (5), regarding staying in Division II. Finally, the senators were asked to gather responses to the following st( )-9(re)7(sponses)-8( to t)-3(he)4( f)3(oFBT1 0 0 1 36 628.78 Tm[ ])JTJETE



*List of Top Concerns Regarding Moving to NCAA Division I FCS*

All 18 respondents provided at least one concern for UNA moving to D-I FCS Athletics.

**1. Cost to University 72% As Number 1 94% In Top 5**

This concern was placed throughout the top 5 concerns of many respondents with 17/18 listing it among their top 5 concerns. 13/18 had this concern as at least a part of their number one concern. 2/18 listed this concern second, 2/18 as fourth, and in 1/18 this was not readily discernable. Frequently mentioned was the need of money for academic programs, faculty/staff cost of living raises, additional faculty,



