



**Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, July 9, 2010
208 Goodwyn Hall**

Convened at 9.00 a.m.

Present

Senate Officers & Senators N. McKenzie, R. Ioimo, C. McCoy, T. Bailey, D. Nobles, S. Lan, C. Ligeo, R. Morton, M. Gilchrist *for L. Mills*, B. Gerard *for S. Willis*, M. Fitzsimmons, T. Winemiller, J. Gantt, C. Hamilton, A. Terry, S. Thompson *for C. Ward*, J. Aho, R. Peele

Ex officio Visitors J. Ellwell
W.Blake, B. Moody, S. Salter, B. Lockette

I. Senate Business:

- A. The following corrections were submitted for approval for the June 9, 2010 minutes:
 - 1. Question by S. Lan in Section II.B clarified to read "Would a decrease in out of state tuition fees increase the total revenue from out of state US students?"
- B. Motion for approval as corrected by Lan, second by Nobles, minutes unanimously approved.
- C. The next scheduled Senate meeting is Friday Sept. 10, 2010 at 10am in 204 Goodwyn.

II. Administrative Reports

- A. Dr. Jeff Ellwell, Provost
 - 1. Budget – the budget is under review, funds have been shifted to fill faculty positions created by retirements and turnover.
 - 2. Evaluations – The plan to implement the new Course Evaluation Forms (CEFs) was discussed at the Provost's meeting with the Deans last week. The Deans voiced concern about using two different evaluation tools in one calendar year. This concern is due to the difference in the new tools' questions and rating scales and the ability to compare the new tool to the old tool for faculty tenure and promotion purposes. The Provost reported that the Deans will implement the new CEFs in Spring 2011.
Discussion: There was some discussion regarding

the timeline for implementation, particularly that departments had not been able to discuss the choice of forms to use in their departments. The complete list of forms is available on the University of Washington web site. The discussion resulted in a general agreement that Spring implementation is satisfactory.

3. Honors Program – The Honors Task Force has indicated that their report will be provided to the Provost at the end of July. Currently there are some students in the current Honors Program. The report from the Task Force will most likely result in an internal call for a faculty member to assume the duties of Honors Program Coordinator.
4. Meal plan – The new meal plan program was announced in February 2010 in the AUM “News and Headlines”. This meal plan will apply to first time full time freshmen and begin in the fall and continue forward. The cost is \$600 per term for students who live on-campus and \$100 per term for students who live off-campus. The goal is to have 100% of undergraduate students on the meal plan by 2013. It is expected that when all students participate, the plan will generate \$285,000/year to be used for dining hall upgrades.

B. Past-President – D. Nobles

1. Reported from the Board of Trustees meeting held June 9 on the AUM campus. The Board approved the plan to renovate the Taylor Center, the entire plan was approved, but the work will be completed in phases.
2. The Board approved the Wellness Center.
3. The Board approved a tuition increase of 9.7% to begin in the Fall 2010 semester.

C. President – N. McKenzie

No report at this time

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

A. Rules Committee

1. Senate committee nominations
 - a. The Rules Committee presented the attached slate of nominees for committees. All committees are filled except the Administrative Evaluation Chair. N. McKenzie will work on filling this position.

- b. The Honors Committee has not been seated; the Rules Committee recommends deferring seating this committee and naming a chair until the report from the Ad Hoc committee on the Honors Program has submitted their recommendation.
 - c. Motion for approval of nominees by Aho, second by Nobles, unanimously approved.
2. Charges to the committees
- a. The charges to the committees for the 2010-2011 year were presented as attached. The charge to the Honors Committee is deferred.
 - b. Motion for approval of charges to the committees by Nobles, second by Morton, unanimously approved.
- B. Ad Hoc Faculty Handbook Committee - D. Nobles
- 1. The committee has been working on the revisions, and has created a timetable for completion.
 - 2. The draft of the constitution was sent to all faculty on July 7, 2010. The changes to the constitution will be voted upon by the Faculty Senate at the September meeting.
 - 3. Proposed changes include:
 - a. Changing the Graduate Council from a University committee to a Faculty Senate committee. The rationale from the Ad Hoc Faculty Handbook Committee is based upon the functions of the Graduate Council in the oversight of curriculum, and to meet SACS requirements for increased faculty governance in curriculum decisions.
 - b. Changing the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee from a University committee to a Faculty Senate committee.
 - c. The Curriculum committee now will be listed as a committee as it was previously omitted from the list of committees.
 - d. Faculty Senate terms and committee membership terms will be 3 years.
 - e. The chair of the Honors Committee will be appointed by the Rules Committee
 - f. Three cumulative absences from Senate meetings between June 1 and May 31 will constitute resignation. The rationale from the Ad Hoc Faculty Handbook Committee is that there are 10 meetings per year, and 3 absences is equivalent to 1/3 of the meetings.

C. Intercollegiate Athletics – B. Moody

1. The committee was charged with selection of the university mascot. There was much discussion regarding the current status of the selection process, as well as the importance of faculty input in the selection process.
2. The following report was submitted by the Intercollegiate Athletics committee:
The Faculty Council Intercollegiate Athletics Committee appreciates being for asked for a recommendation concerning the selection of a mascot for Auburn University at Montgomery, but the members of the committee believe the decision about a university mascot is of greater concern and importance to AUM students and recommends that the faculty not take a position on the selection of a university mascot.
3. Motion to accept the report by Nobles, second by Gilchrist, motion unanimously approved.

V. Announcements

1. S. Salter introduced Buffy Lockette, a new employee in the University Relations Department.
2. N. McKenzie reminded everyone to take advantage of the Farmer's Market on campus on Wednesdays.
3. W. Blake announced that construction at the Taylor Road entrance to campus is ongoing and that entrance will be closed beginning this week, with plans to re-open by graduation. Alternate routes and updates can be found on the AUM web site.

VI. Adjourn

Adjourned at 10:20am

Duly Submitted by:

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