



**Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, June 11, 2010
204 Goodwyn Hall**

Convened at 9.00 a.m.

Present

Senate Officers & Senators N. McKenzie, R. Ioimo, C. McCoy, D. Nobles, S. Lan, C. Ligeon, K. Johnson, R. Morton, C. Young-White, L. Mills, S. Willis, K. Krawczynski for M. Fitzsimmons, T. Winemiller, J. Gantt, A. Terry, C. Ward, J. Aho, R. Peele

Ex officio Visitor J. Veres, F. Deravi
B. McMillan

I. Senate Business:

- A. The following corrections were submitted for approval for the May 7, 2010 minutes:
 1. Section II.A. sentence 2, removal of "or loop road I-85" for clarification
 2. Section II.C. Changed "MAFB" to "Maxwell Air Force Base ROTC" for clarification.
 3. Section VII. 5. Changed "The following individuals were elected to the Rules committee: Krawczynski, Johnson, Aho." Will now read "The following individuals were elected to the Rules committee: Krawczynski for a 2 year term, Johnson for a 2 year term, and Aho for a 1 year term."
- B. Motion for approval as corrected by Lan, second by Nobles, minutes unanimously approved.
- C. The next scheduled Senate meeting is Friday July 9, 2010 at 9am in 204 Goodwyn.

II. Administrative Reports

- A. Dr. John Veres, Chancellor
 1. The report from the Higher Education Partnership indicates that state revenues are down approximately 8%, therefore additional proration may be issued. If so, AUM should have enough funds in tuition to cover the currently anticipated central proration rate centrally without having to implement cuts at the departmental level. The oil disaster is influencing

revenue which will decrease funding for next year. Next year's funding had been anticipated to be a 2% increase in revenue. Additional revenue can be expected from an increase in enrollment numbers and increased credit hour production. Stimulus money has been used to hire 2 recruiters, and 1 additional recruiter will be hired. The number of students from China is expected to increase from 40 this year to 80 next year, and AUM is exploring other international partnerships.

2. The Board of Trustees meeting will be held on the AUM campus next week. Items on the Board's agenda include
 - a. Approval of a construction manager for the Taylor center construction project.
 - b. Approval of the Wellness Center project
 - c. Approval of a tuition increase
 3. A tuition increase will be used to
 - a. Fund additional scholarships for students with financial need who also demonstrate academic merit.
 - b. Provide book scholarships for students receiving Pell grants
 4. The sale of a parcel of land from the Ida Belle Young property will be used to increase the number of Ida Belle Young Retention scholarships.
 5. Administration is looking closely at faculty raises since this is the 3rd year without a raise.
 6. Brief overview of AUM accomplishments for the last 2 years
 - a. Creation of Learning Comes First Freshman Forum
 - b. Built building for biology to test alternative fuels
 - c. Initiated Green Alliance
 - d. Made upgrades to Goodwyn class rooms
 - e. Filling faculty vacancies as money available
 - f. Plans to move Continuing Education to the TechnaCenter
 - g. Landscape work in progress to increase appeal and to improve safety in traffic at the Taylor Road entrance.
- B. Dr. Keivan Deravi, Interim Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs
1. Enrollment plan has been developed with a goal of 10,000 students on campus by 2012. Recruiters are working to increase the number of out of state students. Students will serve as recruiters and tour guides after training.
 2. Dr. Jeff Ellwell will take office on June 17th.
 3. The peer review pilot program has been developed and will be implemented fall 2010. This program has been designed to identify needs for faculty development to assist faculty as

they move along the tenure track. Dr. Bill Buskus from AU will serve as a consultant in this plan.

4. Graduate council has been looking at changes to the admissions policies to graduate programs, as well as recruitment strategies for graduate students.
5. AUM has purchased a software program, Degree Works, which will be an overlay to Banner. This program will allow students to see their program of study and the courses they have taken or need to take, thereby assisting the student to plan. This should change the focus of faculty advising to more specific questions from students, and help meet the goal of having students graduate in 5 years or less. Before this software can be implemented, there will be an audit of Banner. This system should be in place by fall 2011.

Questions :

Ioimo: "Will recruitment be general to AUM or for specific to specialized programs?"

Deravi: "Both, the plan is to be ACT specific, program specific, location specific. The plan is still being built."

Nobles: "There seems to be a problem with answering mail and delays in the admissions office, is this being addressed?"

Veres: "Admissions is being reworked this summer."

Aho: "Can we adjust out of state tuition to 2 times in state rather than 3 times in state?"

Veres: "The rate of growth for out of state is higher than the rate of growth for in state. Also, that rate is set by the Board of Trustees."

Lan: "Would a decrease in out of state tuition fees increase the number of international students?"

Veres: "That change would only attract out of state United States students. We can have more international students but we need to grow in a measured way."

C. Past President – D. Nobles

1. The Ad hoc Faculty Handbook committee will be meeting today to create a timeline for completion and draft a revision of the constitution. The revisions to the constitution should be ready for the July Senate meeting.

D. President – N. McKenzie

1. The Rules Committee will meet soon and fill committee vacancies.

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

A. Election of members of the Grievance Committee for Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Education

1. Liberal Arts – Kim Brackett for a 3 year term
2. Sciences – Brad Moody for a 3 year term
3. Education - Clara Young-White for a 2 year term to fill a vacancy created by retirement

V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjourn

Adjourned at 10:30am

Duly Submitted by:

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