

**Minutes of Auburn Montgomery Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Friday, April 11, 2008**  
**204 Goodwyn Hall**  
**Convened at 9:00 a.m.**

Present: Gehling, Ogburn, Periatt, Newman, Borton, Jones, Foxx, Kaufman, Ligeon, Tidwell, Meadows, Rhodes, Johnson, Gantt, Knigge, Hogan, Sterling for Walker

Absent: Sullivan, Gagnon

Guests: Steve Daniell

I. Senate Business

A. Roll call

B. Minutes from March were unanimously accepted.

C. Next Senate meeting is Friday, May 9, 2008 at 9:00 am in 204 Goodwyn Hall.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Dr. John G. Veres, Chancellor

1. The Ida Belle Young proposals have been forwarded to Dr. Janet Warren. Dr. Veres would like the names of two to three faculty members from each school to serve on a committee, which will decide where the monies from the quasi-endowment will be allocated. The committee will have 5 faculty members, a Dean, University Relations representative, and staff representative to determine the procedures for the disbursement of the money. A separate scholarship application is really obsolete so AUM is attempting to gravitate towards a central application. A database of scholarships is currently being built.

2. The Legislature will be taking up the budget next week. Nothing has been done thus far. Fine and Gettie are trying to convince the Legislators that the Governors budget is unfair as it cuts higher education more than K-12 and it should be an equal cut across entities. A tuition recommendation will be made on April 25th and a meeting will be held on next Friday to work on the budget. The charge currently is to determine how to allocate new monies. In some ways, AUM is in good shape, especially with the bond money (\$700,000 out of deferred maintenance). Academic programs will take the smallest cut. The budget was cut by approximately \$3.7 million so some areas will take some hits, such as administration and outreach.

3. The SACS process has been completed with only 8 recommendations. One was a financial recommendation in a core area, which is the way Auburn is audited to be more system wide instead of by separate entities. In December, SACS adopted learning outcomes for support programs and Academic Affairs is working to put that in place by September 5th. There is a recommendation for a level change from a level 4 (Master's) to a level 5 (Ph.D.) for the Public Administration Doctoral program. AUM has filed a letter of intent to change its level from a level 4 to a level 5. Dr. Knigge pointed out that it could have a negative impact on grants as some grants are targeted for level 4 schools. This is something that should have been done in the 1980's. SACS made this call on the cooperative doctorate program in Audiology. Dr. Jeff Barksdale has been working diligently on this letter of intent. Eight recommendations are so much better than 10 or 20 years ago. The QEP was complemented by the SACS expert, Dr. Pemberton, for the five courses. The on-site committee is an advisory committee and in October, there will be, at least hopefully, formal acceptance of the QEP and recommendation for re-accreditation.

4. The faculty is encouraged to attend the School of Sciences undergraduate research symposium.

5. There will be students from 2 Chinese institutions this summer and 3 institutions in the fall. Faculty exchanges

have been built into these agreements. If faculty are interested, talk to the department head, the dean and then to Dr. Warren. The Chinese would like to learn American English as opposed to British English.

6. Seamless registration has been a success as AUM has more applicants than slots in the program. There are only 100 students who will be participating in the pilot year and there have been 200 applications.

7. The Ida Belle Young Will states that the money will be issued for professorships, scholarships and other interests the Board deems necessary. There are not restrictions on the bequest. There is a second trust for Ms. Young's employees, which is limited to Fine Arts. It would be better to institute professorships in areas where AUM would like to extend its expertise. In addition to scholarships, how will AUM allocate the money? That is why it has been set up in a quasi-endowment with money going back to the principle to build more money. Half of the interest will be spent and half will go back to the principle. Dr. Veres would like to look to the future, especially with the reduction of dependence on the Legislature. The rate of growth will increase on the principle.

B. Dr. Jeff Periatt, Advisor to the Auburn Board of Trustees

1. No report

C. Dr. Bob Gehling, President-Elect of the Faculty Senate

1. No report

III. Committee Reports and Presentations

A. No reports

IV. Old Business

A. No old business

V. New Business

A. New senators should attend the May meeting of the Senate to aid in the transition.

VI. Announcements

A. Dr. Steve Daniell would like to encourage the faculty and staff to contribute to the Family Campaign. Donation to this campaign reaffirms and demonstrates the faculty's belief in education. It will also help to benefit University Outreach, such as the Speech and Hearing Clinic. This will help the faculty express the value of education. This may also help AUM raise money from outside donations. Thanks to those individuals who have already donated money. It is greatly appreciated. Last year, there was 23% participation, while this year, there is currently 42%. The Library has 100% participation and the Deans are at 100%, as well as the Vice-Chancellors and the Chancellor. Contributions can be directed towards scholarship or the Faculty/Staff Emergency Fund.

B. Speech and Hearing Clinic student organization will be holding a Dodgeball tournament on April 11th starting at 7:00 in the gym.

C. The International Student Festival will be Saturday evening, April 12th.

VII. Adjournment

A. Adjourned at 9:50 a.m.