

Minutes of Auburn Montgomery Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, January 18, 2008
204 Goodwyn Hall
Convened at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Finley, Periatt, Newman, Gehling, Ogburn, Gagnon, Hogan, Sullivan, Foxx, Kaufmam, Tidwell, Walker, Winkelman for Borton, Rhodes, Jones, Meadows, Ligeon, Johnson, Knigge

Guests: Kathy Mitchell, Brad Moody, Michael Fitzsimmons, Janet Warren, Lynne Mills, Allen Gribben

I. Senate Business

A. Roll call

B. Minutes from January were unanimously accepted.

C. Next Senate meeting is Friday, February 8, 2008 at 9:00 am in 204 Goodwyn Hall. Following meetings will fall on the second Friday of each month, specifically March 14, April 11, and May 9. The first Faculty Senate meeting for the 2008-2009 academic year will be June 13.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Dr. John Veres, Chancellor

1. The legislature has overestimated what would be in the education fund and AUM started in October with a deficit. The best estimate is \$425 million, which approximates the money in the proration reserve fund and the rainy day fund. The budget for fiscal year 2009 will be smaller. It's too early to tell what steps will need to be taken to deal with this. However, the budget for the coming year will be more realistic than it has been. An increase in housing and tuition are also possibilities to offset the decrease in funding.

2. An increase in enrollment is expected in the coming year due to internationalization and due to the Disney program. An increase may also be possible due to communication with Auburn in order to work the deferred list from Auburn to increase student enrollment. The chancellor is currently working with Wayne Alderman from Auburn to put information into a letter to students about possible enrollment at AUM.

3. The strategic plan will be a plan for the Auburn system. The President thinks that this will be good for the Auburn system as a whole.

4. A Board of Trustees meeting will be held on January 31 and February 1. Faculty members are encouraged to attend as it is good for the Trustees to see that the AUM faculty is interested.

5. Homecoming week will start February 4-9, 2008. There will be a pie in the face contest on Wednesday, February 6th and the homecoming game will be on February 9th. Faculty members are encouraged to participate in these festivities.

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

1. There is no report as there has not been a meeting.

C. Dr. D'Linell Finley, President of the Faculty Senate

1. Candidates for the officer positions on the Faculty Senate for the 2008-2009 academic year need to be collected. Also, names of new senators to replace those senators rotating off should be gathered so that each school may vote on new senators. New senators should attend the May meeting to become familiar with the process of the faculty senate as the term begins in June 2008. Representatives should explore any interest of those individuals who would like to serve. The policy in the Faculty Handbook states, "The Rules Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee of six members representing the five academic schools and the Library at least 60 days prior to the spring meeting. The Nominating Committee shall present one or more names for each of the offices of President Elect, Secretary, and Parliamentarian. The names of nominees shall be made from the floor at the spring meeting if the consent of the nominee has been obtained." The Nominating Committee will be

appointed by the Rules Committee.

III. Committee Reports and Presentations

A. Dr. Lynne Mills, Quality Enhancement Plan

1. It is important to note that this is purely a draft. Input is being sought from faculty to determine needed changes.
2. The document will be attached with these minutes.

B. Dr. Jeff Periatt, Ida Young Proposals

1. No proposals at this time.

IV. Old Business

- #### A. No old business

V. New Business

- #### A. No new business

VI. Announcements

- #### A. No announcements

VII. Adjournment

- #### A. Adjourned at 10:36 a.m.