

Minutes of Auburn Montgomery Faculty Senate Meeting

Friday, May 9, 2008

204 Goodwyn Hall

Convened at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Finley, Newman, Periatt, Foxx, Ligeon, Johnson, Jones, Tidwell, Knigge, Hogan, Meadows, Borton, Walker, Gantt

Absent: Gehling, Ogburn, Sullivan, Kaufman, Gagnon, Rhodes

Guests: Kathy Mitchell, Joan Powell, Sheila Mehta, Keith Krawczynski

I. Senate Business

A. Minutes from April were unanimously accepted.

B. Next Senate meeting is Friday, June 13, 2008 at 9:00 am in 204 Goodwyn Hall.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Dr. John G. Veres, Chancellor

1. There is no AUM budget from the Legislature yet, although there is a higher education projected cut of 11 to 14%.

2. The Board of Trustees cannot set tuition until the budget is passed by the Legislature.

3. The Seamless Admission Program (SAP) students will be required to finish 30 hours with a minimum GPA of 2.5 to successfully articulate to Auburn. A meeting was held with Auburn University Senate and many senators had concerns about the SAP. Some disparaging comments were made about AUM; however, as many or more Auburn faculty rose to defend their AUM colleagues based on their years of collaboration. Because of the limit of 100 students for the SAP, admissions has closed applications for the program and is processing those on file. Currently, 94 students are fully admitted, approximately half of which are from out-of-state. AUM tuition is likely to run \$6,000.00 next year. If there are 100 students in the SAP at Auburn University, this would generate \$1.2 million. The Chancellor projects a profit based on this number of out-of-state students paying double tuition. The SAP classes at Auburn will begin at 3 p.m. as 90% of all Auburn classes end by this time.

4. Dr. Veres discussed several initiatives to assist in executing AUM's strategic plan, especially the QEP. The general plan is to reduce unnecessary expenditures and invest resources in those areas in which AUM can excel.

5. Dr. Veres also urged AUM faculty to go on the once a month trips to Washington via the Auburn University jet to seek federal research funds.

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

1. Dr. Periatt discussed the Strategic Planning Committee meeting and President Gogue's support of AUM. According to Dr. Periatt, the Board regards AUM as an equal partner in the strategic planning process.

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

1. Dr. Finley urged faculty to attend the Auburn University Board of Trustees meetings to gain insight into plans for the university and the inter-campus relationship.

2. He also urged AUM schools to submit three nominees to serve on the Ida Belle Young Committee that will consider the Senate's proposal for disbursement of these funds.

3. Dr. Finley also welcomed the new senators and introduced the new officers.
4. The Senate congratulated Dr. Finley on his successful term as Faculty Senate President.
5. Dr. Finley and Dr. Veres thanked SGA President Anthony Rankins for his service to the AUM student body.

III. Committee Reports and Presentations

A. Sheila Metha, AUM Lectures Committee

1. The budget for the AUM Lectures Committee is unchanged from \$17,000. There were 20 requests, which totaled \$27,975. All of which were partially or totally funded.

B. Dr. Jeff Periatt, Calendar Committee

1. A proposal was introduced, for informational purposes only, for the calendar through the Summer of 2010. Especially noted were the Fall 2008 final exam schedule and efforts to insure that there are an equal number of class meetings for Monday-Wednesday and Tuesday-Thursday courses. Dr. Periatt noted that once the details have been inserted, he expects fewer changes to this calendar than has been the case in prior years.

IV. Old Business

- A. No old business

V. New Business

- A. No new business

VI. Announcements

- A. Faculty is urged to attend graduation.

VII. Adjournment

- A. Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.