

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
December 8, 2005

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met December 8, 2005 in the Faculty/Staff Commons of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

President Adams called the meeting to order and recognized Dr. Jerry Ferry, proxy for Senator Holley from Accounting.

President Cale and Vice-President Newson were present.

The following senators were present: Adams, Adler, Atkinson, Bates, Blose, Brewton, Bruce, Bunn, Fennell, Flowers, Ford, Gaston, Gossett, Green, Hallock, Leonard, Loew, Makowski, Martin, McDaniel, Myhan, Robinson, Roden, Takeuchi, Thorne, Turner, Wallace, Ward, Webb, and Williams.

The following senators were absent without proxy: Brown, Cai, Crisler, Davidson, Gaunder, Hunter-Mintz, Price, Richardson, and Rock.

Senator Flowers moved the adoption of the agenda. Senator Thorne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

working with a compromise with the students concerning the Readmissions Committee.

2. Senator Blose reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee is awaiting further action on the attendance and withdrawal policy.

3. Senator Adams reported that the Senate Executive Committee will report in January or February concerning the Tenure/Promotion Policy questions.

4. Senator Blose reported that the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee is working on the Mission/Vision Statement. They are also working on requests for the nontechnical fee money.

C. Senator Webb reported that the Vice President for Student Affairs Search Committee had received approximately thirty applicants and was conducting telephone interviews. Senator Blose reported that the Assistant Vice-President for Advancement Search Committee has a small but good pool of applicants and was also conducting telephone interviews.

D. The resolution from the Academic Affairs Committee concerning the Attendance student is directly responsible to the individual professor for absences and for making up work missed. Particular policies and procedures on absences and makeup work are established for each class, are announced by the professor at the beginning of the term, and for excessive absences, may provide for appropriate penalties including reduction in grades or ultimate dismissal from class with a s expressed that if a faculty sets the attendance policy and gives a grade of F due to lack of attendance and then decisions are made for . President Adams stated that the Senate Executive Committee is looking at that very issue. The resolution failed with a vote of 8-17. Senator Flowers moved that the attendance policy be sent to the Academic Affairs Committee to bring back language to discuss.

E. Senator Makowski moved that the resolutions concerning the Withdrawal Policy and the Attendance Policy be referred back to the Academic Affairs Committee in order to coordinate and reconcile the wording of the two issues in the catalog. Senator Thorne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Vice-President Newson reported that he expected to work with the Faculty Affairs Committee with plans for developing a method of funding for the implementation

Makowski moved the approval and forwarding of this policy to the Faculty/Staff Welfare Committee. Senator Webb seconded. The motion passed 27-0-1.

- G. Senator Loew presented a report from the ADA Task Force (See Attachment A). She stated that they need one more representative from nursing. Senator Blöse moved that approval of the policy as amended. Senator Makowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. President Adams needs to form a pool of faculty for the Grievance and Due Process Panels. He will solicit volunteers.
- B. A request from the Council of Academic Deans was presented.

demonstrate student learning outcomes, the Council of Academic Deans encourages the Faculty Senate to survey an array of Carnegie I public universities in the state, the region, and the nation to ascertain their expectations of effective teaching as stated in their faculty handbooks and other official documents provided to faculty members. The Council requests that the

universities by *U. S. News and World Report*. The Council requests that copies of documents collected in the survey be shared with the Vice-President for Academic

Dr. Newson, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, stated that the sole criteria currently used to determine teaching effectiveness is student evaluation. Senator Robinson moved to refer the issue of methods of evaluating teaching effectiveness to the Senate Executive Committee. Senator Flowers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Flowers moved that the meeting be adjourned. Senator Roden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.