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**MINUTES OF MEETING #501, 29 OCTOBER, 2009**  
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**PRESENT:**

**BA:** Gupta, Mok, Evans  
**LBAR:** Stewart, Rountree, Bollinger, Neff, Goebel, Sanders, Reeves, Sitaraman  
**ENG:** Banish, Joiner, English, Milenkovic, Coe, Gholston, Cassibry, Wessling, Lin  
**LIB:** Vaughan  
**NUR:** O'Keefe, Warboys, Ferguson  
**SCI:** Boyd, Bishop, Scholz, Zhang, Etzkorn, Newman, Takahashi, Miller, Slater

**ABSENT WITH PROXY:**

**BA:** Bao  
**LBAR:** Heikes, Smith, Johnson, Kovacs, Seemann  
**ENGR:** Anderson, Gaede  
**NUR:** Showalter  
**SCI:** Mecikalski, Edmondson, Wu

0. President Etzkorn called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.
  
1. Sandra Parton—gave a report on the enhancement to the retirement programs. Starting in January you may enroll in VALIC or TIAA CREF. TIAA CREF is a closed investment. Sam Shuler from VALIC—Distributed information—talked about this as an option. Adding a different option—will be available to match in January. Educate employees. It includes a retirement manager—how you access account through secure measures. This is in addition to offering the retirement program. Sandra will send an email tomorrow or Monday. Adding eligibility option for dependents.
  
2. Dr. Severn reported—Dr. Williams is in Washington—Dr. Karbhari is in Birmingham  
NISPs on Aerospace will be presented next week. They include a Consortium Collaboration with UA. Kader Frendi and Brian Landrum will handle this.  
IT Solutions going to GMail and Google Calendar—policy to come forth soon. Looking at licenses, efficiency etc. Coordinate what do.  
Visit of Review Committee Monday and Tuesday. Meets with Executive Committee Monday at 10:15  
Nursing Accreditation went well.  
One Senator expressed concern for number of counselors for students. Anything in program to add counselors. Dr. Severn reported we are holding positions and understand the concern.

Some expressed concern for going to GMail and the security.

Someone suggested bringing Diane Cunningham to a Senate Meeting.

Dr. Severn was asked about the other six bills sent to the Provost. Please convey to the Provost the purpose to come to Senate is to talk about disposition of bills. Disappointed that no information was sent.

Questions about exemptions for Housing—medical, age, financial aid, hardship.

It was stated the informal survey was a dumb idea—convey to person who made decision.

Housing issue will not go away—Radonovich—hear from Huntsville people all the time.

3. Approval of Minutes to Meeting—Rountree—outside reviewers cost –cost of plane ticket –in minutes—Reeves, Gupta, seconded moved to accept.

4. Executive Committee Reports—move to accept—English, Boyd seconded

5. Committee Reports

Curriculum—Dr. Coe reported H400 and Honors approved

Personnel-Dr. Boyd reported Committee met Oct 21 discussed activities this year—look into process hiring two recent administrators -Dean of Students, Space Policy—no internal announcement—period open short, present bill. Send input to Personnel Committee.

Faculty and Student Development—Dr. Reeves reported have not met yet—issues to deal-mentoring young faculty and keeping them—issues with OSP, Purchasing and Contracts and Grants and look into some of those.

Finance and Resources—Dr. Boyd reported had meeting—sent letter asking for detailed budgets and cost of centers, etc. Looking at budget changes from Franz to Williams—budgetary changes and salary and position changes—other items are in the report from the Executive Committee.

Scholastic Affairs—Dr. Newman distributed highlights of meetings—met with administration and presented information—Auburn has no policy—UA has exceptions—2 institutions that don't have exemptions/exceptions are UAHuntsville and LeHigh—According to documents received hour ago counting on housing and meal plan to cover cost of housing. Comparison of colleges—data distributed. Concern for departments with 100 level courses. Shared transfer from AA to housing—Mr. Maxon expressed concern that this is not under purview of UGSA Committee. This does concern faculty as recruitment and retention. One reason to move to policy is to support bond issue. Business plan to Moody to living on campus and removing 30 mile restriction. Will supply at one time but not now. Ask twice and did not receive. Dr. Etkorn asked today and given folder from Mr. Pinner with Moody Plan and Board materials. Memo to President Williams from Ray Pinner and given to Board. Ray Pinner committed to provide full response by next Tuesday. Bob Jones feeder school—the new policy is very unpopular with them. Counselor said great move for Auburn, Calhoun and UNA. Parents want to change the policy. Bills to come up later. Asked about what happens when enrollment goes down—no plan. Direct concerns from parents to Board. Dr. Evans talked about Moody's and rating and interest rate and removing 30 mile exemption and requiring students to live on campus in order to get the rate to the point wanted. Dorla read challenges from

Moody's. Request of Committee—look at documents and ask if university committed. Took effort to get John Maxon to come to Committee Meeting. The Senate thanked Tim for the work of the Committee.

REU at present budget not cut. Work with Honors more closely. Finance and Resource working on changing policy for REU

6. There was a request to suspend other reports and move to bills—English, seconded-Newman

7. Bill 328—Resolution Release of Moody's Plan: on floor—Banish, Reeves seconded called question, passed second reading—unanimous passed at 3<sup>rd</sup> reading, 37 in favor

8. Bill 329—Resolution Faculty Input on First Time Student Housing: on floor—Reeves-Banish seconded, called question—37 unanimous 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

9. Bill 330—Realignment Preservation: on floor—second whereas typo—“faculty”—correct—English, Rountree seconded, 37 unanimous 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

10. English—Report—working on Website—fixed—if anyone has ideas send to Dr. English—will take under advisement—Executive Committee have report in Exponent as necessary—writing article regarding housing issue using data from UGSA as well as faculty feeling—Vote on whether article appropriate.

Why only the Exponent—this is what Dr. English is comfortable with. Only about housing policy—how it affects faculty. Report. Let people know we are looking at it. Has to be submitted tomorrow afternoon. Suggestion to have reporter come to meeting. Some concerns for that. This is a report from us showing we are involved and care. More authority coming from Senate. Letter from Jennifer.

11. Rich Miller—new business—asked what do you want –read letter—Mission—role in university—proactive—non passive—have special meetings—come up with goals, strategies, plans—why are we here? SHARED GOVERNANCE! Two weeks from today meeting November 12, 12:45 -- get this room.

12. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.