



**Faculty Senate Meeting  
September 23, 2010  
12:45 p.m. SC 107**

**Present:** *Jeet Gupta, Wai Mok, John Burnett, Eric Fong, Jill Johnson, Clarke Rountree, Philip Kovacs, Laurel Bollinger, David Neff, Kwaku Gyasi, Samuel Thomas, Kathy Hawk, Eric Seemann, Bhavani Sitaraman, Michael Banish, Mohamed Ashour, Rhonda Gaede, Laurie Joiner, Jennifer English, Aleksandar Milenkovic, Paul Componation, Robert Frederick, Nathan Slegers, David Moore, Louise O'Keefe, Ina Warboys, Kristen Herrin, Roy Magnuson, Carmen Scholz, James Baird, Letha Etzkorn, Ramazan Aygun, Tim Newman, Peter Slater, Dongsheng Wu, Richard Miller, Max Bonamente*

**Absent with Proxy:** *David Stewart, Carolyn Sanders, Jason Cassibry, Kathy Newman, John Mecikalski*

*This is Meeting 510 called to order at 12:50 p.m.*

**President David Williams:**

- Dr. Williams stated a report was sent to all faculty and staff for the state of university this morning. Bringing all up to date on the financial state and budgets. Thanks to Jennifer for her help on getting the information out. We are in a sound financial state. Growth came through increase in research expenditures for last year. We had the largest expenditures of a university of our size. Sara Graves received a large sum with funds to help with the infrastructure on campus. The Board passed budgets and despite proration we will go ahead with pay increases. We did have \$1M removed from the budget. Because of our sound state and Ray and Chih's work we are able to accommodate pay increases but other things will be affected.
- We will be giving an honorary degree to Neil Degrasse Tyson who will be the Commencement speaker. He is a dynamic speaker. Very well known for his broadcast and public radio. He is one of the most influential people. He came from a disadvantaged background and came up because of education.
- Conferences –October 24-27 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Von Braun. Symposium and dinner on campus. Delegation from Europe. November 21-22 Corridor fall meeting on campus. More details coming out.
- Question: Total Research Expenditures. What fraction is on campus versus off campus?  
Answer: Don't know numbers. Significant portion SMAP which involves students. Contract work with faculty on arsenal. Doesn't matter where the work is performed as long as recognition goes to faculty and students. It is hard to untangle.
- Revenue Services—percentage of total budget.
- Revenue versus expenses \$8M surplus—strive for surplus every year—uncertainty in State . Cash reserve important in bond rating—State does not always come up with money.

### **Provost Vistasp Karbhari:**

- Dr. Karbhari reported we have made an appointment of the Interim Dean of the Graduate School—Dr. Rhonda Gaede. She joined UAHuntsville in 1992 and served in a variety of ways and the most recent was President of the Faculty Senate. Looking forward to working with her. Dr. Karbhari thanked other faculty and the Search Committee.
- The AVPES search and Dean of Students search is ongoing—Airport interviews ongoing. Interview there and get a short pool for campus interviews.
- UALERT tested this week. Thank you. Test essential to know what works and what does not. If you have concerns send email. Encourage all to register. Many have not registered. How operate will depend on registering. Seek assistance in updating and registering.
- Three NISPs, MSESS, Bachelors of Individual Study, proposal for November meeting. Established two tracks and will go directly to ACHE for information items. ACHE concerned for viability of programs across the State. Will work with deans and chairs to assess situation so will know before ACHE comes in.
- Spoke with President and President-Elect regarding resolutions submitted to me. Access to Buildings –most of it due to information not available or not across the board. If need key and knows where to get it can get it. Establish policy and procedures to get access to buildings. Will depend on department and college. Difference in understanding and policy and changes from department to department. Research committee—further discussion at Executive Committee and Senate and will discuss further.
- Comment to let ACHE know effort that goes into programs and funds not going in so closing but that does not save anything. ACHE looks at proliferation of programs across the State and what to do not to have duplication.
- Any chance change what constitutes viable program. Hope will not open but want to be prepared.

### **Reports and Comments from Dr. Jennifer English President of Faculty Senate:**

- Dr. English gave comments on the Board meeting—presentation will be on website. System over 20 years. Tim Newman and Jennifer English talked about faculty development and improving this year. Teaching center of excellence in place. Ina Warboys is working on . Build in to larger faculty excellence center. Things you would like to see or would like to have seen – resources—interested in hearing what those are.
- Senior faculty helping junior faculty write proposals. Senate session on mentoring last year. Get ombudsperson more involved in mentoring.
- Financial resources important too. Any idea of guesstimate for this. Jennifer English will find out. Some faculty time covered.
- Question—Faculty and Staff Senate Presidents and President sent state of university and you signing says we agree—Dr. Jennifer English responded it was factual so I signed it. Faculty: It may appear factual but it becomes points of contention. If at later point going to ask question closes door to that. Dr. Jennifer English responded I don't think so, it is like making quote and I don't come to the full senate to ask that. You can take me to task on it and if you disagree we can talk about it offline.

➤ Faculty: Data for 17 to 1 ratio—Dr. Jennifer English it came from IR. Graduation rate—think it is misquoted—Dr. Jennifer English—they showed me the data—Faculty --how deriving it is important. Administration is advertising they are doing a good job and chooses what makes them look good. Don't know how data derived. Dr. Jennifer English stated we can talk offline about this. Three entities influence. Wants to see checked—be suspicious. Graduate students sent for summer and paid for internship.

✚ **Minutes 509**—Amendment—Roy Magnuson was not present but had a proxy and was not listed anywhere. Moved by Jeet Gupta, seconded by Clarke Rountree to accept the minutes with the amendment

✚ **Executive Committee Report** accepted—Moved by Jeet Gupta, seconded by Roy Magnuson

✚ **Committee Reports:**

**Personnel** sending info by email to get head start

**Undergraduate Curriculum** approved one course for Business 406. When get information from Carole please reply to all.

✚ No Chair for **Finance and Resources**—someone please volunteer.

▪ **University Committees**—Dr. English reported she has gone through as part of research committee—large number of faculty representatives have to be added to that. Governance and Operations in charge of doing that. Campus Planning needs three and make sure Senate Representatives on each committee. Get email from Governance and Operations need 20+ faculty to cover.

✚ **Bill 341—University Committee Transparency:** Amendment—list of committees. To be accepted—Animal Care and Use Committee-- add to exception-- don't want committee known. Anti transparency concerns. Timothy Newman moved, seconded by Jeet Gupta for second reading. 1 abstain and 1 opposed. URB on website, PTAC at college, Jeet Gupta moved, seconded by Clarke Rountree, to amend to exclude Department promotion and tenure committee. Does not task anyone to put the information up. Intent for university standing and ad hoc be public. And information be made available by committee chair. Remove line 20-22 and add in animal care and use comm. Clarke Rountree called the question.

Jeet Gupta moved, seconded by Clarke Rountree to vote on the amendment, 2 abstain 1 opposed. Clarke Rountree moved, seconded by Michael Banish, to vote on the bill with the amendment

3 opposed 2 abstain bill passes at second reading            P

✚ **Building Access**—policy process from Provost how to get keys, who pays, how get. Anyone should be able to get key to any building they need access to. Key access— and MSB is next. Graduate student if sign, undergraduate depends on dean.

✚ **Research**—working on university committees for that other than Campus Planning no overlap. Will have discussion and move forward. Governance and Operations will take care of serving on that Committee.

✚ **Bill 345—Procedures for Delivery and Administration Response/Actions of Faculty Senate:**

passed at first reading sent to author for change and back

- Jim Baird moved, seconded by Jeet Gupta to move it to second reading, --question of the 14 business days, and 7 business days. Don't think can add to bylaws. Separate bill for adding to bylaws. Authorization to change bylaws—strike 43 and 44 and look forward to language.
- Change line 22 to 15 business days Jeet Gupta proposed-- 1 opposed; 8 abstaining
- Clarke Rountree moved, seconded by Jeet Gupta to call the question
- Vote: 1 abstain , Passed at second reading P
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✚ **Bill 347—Library Security:** security problems heard from Library per Clarke Rountree, two arrest last Friday. Jeet Gupta, moved, seconded by Michael Banish to second reading

- Charger card use—reader there, community have to get card for nominal fee. Concern public sense-- Bhavani Sitaraman-public library, cannot discriminate against any or make harder for any other. If nominal fee too large—discriminates—assuming students don't do this and students exposed to public life. Clarke Rountree asked the legal question and was told we can do this. Have documentation to back up problems. Like to see amount Laurel Bollinger—proposed a friendly amendment to cover cost of card, Roy Magnuson suggested \$10. Paul Compton stated this is another obstacle for DL and commuter students. Louise O'Keefe—safety of students is important. Roy Magnuson --DL and others should have paid fees and should have a card already which means it is not an obstacle.
- Jeet Gupta moved, seconded by Clarke Rountree to call the question. 2 opposed 3 abstaining
- Jeet Gupta moved, seconded by Clarke Rountree to vote on bill. Approving 16 favor, 9 opposed, 3 abstaining, passed at second reading P

✚ **Bill 349 –Non Senators on Senate Committees:** Jeet Gupta moved, seconded by Clarke Rountree to second reading. Not enough senators in some areas

- Timothy Newman clean up 10 line—eligible faculty members-who, line 13 majority of members be senators. Line 11 eligible means any faculty member who would be eligible to serve on senate. Clarke Rountree moved, seconded by Michael Banish to vote on amendment.
- 1 abstaining for amendment
- Line 13 strike phrase that majority of members of committee be faculty senators. Clarke Rountree reported the Committee discussed and considered and saw problems with that.

✚ Timothy Newman moved, seconded by Jeet Gupta to Adjourn.