



Faculty Senate Meeting 534

February 14, 2013

12:45 p.m. in BAB 123

Present: *Wai Mok, Chris Allport, Jeet Gupta, Keith Jones, Eletra Gilchrist, Derrick Smith, Chad Thomas, Kwaku Gyasi, Christine Sears, Carolyn Sanders, Deborah Heikes, Anne Marie Choup, Bhavani Sitaraman, Mitch Berbrier, Ramon Cerro, Jeffrey Kulick for Robert Lindquist, Kader Frendi, Jeff Evans, Ina Warboys, Anna Benton, Marlana Primeau, Peggy Hays, Phillip Bitzer, Carmen Scholz, Debra Moriarity, Peter Slater, Leonard Choup, Richard Miller, Jakobus le Roux, Nikolai Pogorelov*

Absent with Proxy: *Charles Hickman, Eric Seemann, Faye Anderson, Luciano Matzkin, Robert Lindquist, Junpeng Guo*

Absent Without Proxy: *David Neff, Mohamed Ashour, David Pan, Sherri Messimer, James Blackmon, James Baird, Tim Newman, Claudio Morales*

Guests: *Regina Hyatt, Dee Childs, Dr. Altenkirch, Dr. Wren*

- Meeting called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Dr. Richard Miller
- The Senate minutes were approved unanimously
- **Dr. Altenkirch** gave a Campus Projects Update
 - SWIRLL – the second ‘L’ was added and it stands for Labs
 - The MDH, UC and SKH projects include renovation and moving like activities closer together

- The NB has its final design. The simple hospital will be moving from WH to the NB. This will free up some space in WH. There are no current plans as to what will be done with the space in WH.
- Tech Hall's west wall has approval to be fixed and it will be metal. A question was asked about the leaks in the roof on that side of the building. Dr. Altenkirch thought they would be fixed by all the repairs done to the wall.
- The Monthly Research Summary Reports were discussed. The Office of Sponsored Programs provides these reports and apparently they are not used very much. Dr. Altenkirch explained how they are beneficial. The reports show who is fiscally responsible and the investigator unit. They are thinking about using the reports as a research report tool. It would be posted on Charger Net and one would have to be a faculty or staff member to have access. Eventually the Banner link will go away.
- Strategic Planning is being reviewed.
- An update on the Vice President of Research was given. Two candidates withdrew from the search for personal reasons. So the search is continuing. Dr. Altenkirch asked for suggestions. One person asked about the third candidate and Dr. Altenkirch said he did not want to select from a candidate of one.
- Dr. Altenkirch had a discussion with Dr. Cerro regarding the VROP. Thirty-two people (50%) have signed paperwork to date. However, until they actually retire, they are not putting much stock into the numbers.
- Enrollment Management was discussed. There will be work to do based on the numbers for Fall 2013; so, there will not be many changes until Fall 2014.
- Alabama System Efficiency Initiative: the Chancellor is looking at finance and curriculum/academic side for more efficiency. Looking at selling assets and distribution of teaching responsibilities.
- The new logo design was reviewed. We are using the Scout Branding Company. The new logo would make the UAHuntsville logo disappear. There was a question about the old log and what was wrong with it. Dr. Altenkirch cited several reasons including it was not modern, sometimes when people saw the old logo they would think of the University of Utah because of the font, it is dull, it needs to appeal to us as well as customers and, lastly, it would look good as an app on a phone. Dr. Altenkirch thinks the design will stick for a long time. There was a short discussion on branding each university in the UAS. Each school needs to have their own because branding needs to be consistent including letterhead, cards, logo for each university's specialty.
- The question of security was raised and the fact that faculty need to know what to do in the event of a lock down. Dr. Altenkirch needed to check on some things before he answers that question. He would get back with them on that.

- **Dr. Brent Wren** spoke about mid-term grading for the week of 2/20-2/27, incorporating record changes. He encouraged faculty to get the grading in as soon as possible. At some point there may be mid-term grading for 300 level courses.
- **Dr. Regina Hyatt** presented an update for Student Affairs. She gave a handout to the Faculty Senate members. (Please see the attached handout for details.) Dr. Hyatt stated that UAH is an exciting place to be. She spoke about new initiatives. The Dean of Students Office surveys new incoming students over a two-year period to determine expectations of work and academics. There is an 85% return on the surveys. They are looking at conducting a second year experience program. An Assistant Dean has been hired and will begin on March 4, 2013. Dr. Hyatt also spoke about health and wellness and the grant from NCAA to assist with students using alcohol and/or drugs. The new Charger Union will be ready to move into at the end of the calendar year. There is a new counselor for students with drug issues. Travel grants are available for students presenting or receiving awards at conferences. We have volunteer chargers. New resources are available to help students in distress.
- **Ms. Dee Childs** gave a presentation entitled "*The Road Ahead*". (I requested via email a copy of her presentation.) Dee presented a list of accomplishments to celebrate (*To Be Attached*). She told the faculty to tell her what they need/want and she'll deliver. Installing a wireless system is complicated but she is working on it. Dr. Rich Miller explained that he and Dee met a couple of weeks ago and he asked that she present to the faculty senate. They both expressed that they are willing to have Dee attend/present to as many minutes as necessary. An on-going effort is network performance and capacity. Dee is working on several things that have a 'domino' effect. Hardware across units will get higher priority. Dee's office is positioning UAH for 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) for students.
- Time was running short so Dr. Miller elected not to discuss the bills.
- The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting were approved.
- There were no officer reports.
- As for committee reports, Dr. Mok reported that a proposal request was sent out.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.