

FACULTY COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Minutes of the October 15, 2009 Meeting | 2:00 P.M. | OBB 311

Members attending:

Charles Ford (Education), Chair
Barbara Cartledge (Business)
Tom Fuller (Divinity)
David Garza (A & S)
Mary Karlet (Nursing)
John Mayfield (A & S)
Don Rankin (Arts)
Elizabeth Wells (Library)
Mary Worthington (Pharmacy)
Paul Aucoin (Ex officio)
Nancy Biggio (Ex officio)
Emily Aiken (student, Ex officio)

Members absent:

Bernie Ankney (A&S) class conflict with meeting time
LaJuana Davis (Law)

Also Present:

Brad Creed
Mary Sue Baldwin

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
Meeting was opened with prayer by Charles Ford.

Agenda:

- I. General Education Initiative: Dr. Creed opened the conversation regarding Generation Education Initiative.
- II. A continued discussion of course completion policies (Dr. Creed and Dr. Baldwin).
Dr. Baldwin discussed the initial planning for catastrophic or pandemic event, should one affect the campus. Dr. Baldwin will forward the Pandemic Plan to the chair for distribution to committee members. Dr. Baldwin agreed to add the following

statement to the plan: "Communicate with and receive input on continuation of academic programs from Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee."

A committee consensus is that the existing "Closing of the University" policy addresses adequately unpredictable circumstances.

III. Final Planning for FDG's ; the Chair requested assistance with Excel. The chair described Sharepoint and confirmed access with participants. The chair will post via Sharepoint the individual faculty grants by November 6, 2009. Committee members will digitally review all faculty development grants.

IV. Jan Term Course Times; a summary of action was given by Paul Aucoin. As requested, the ending time for morning courses was changed to 11:59 a.m., rather than 12:00 p.m., to resolve the problem of scheduling conflicts (in Banner) with afternoon courses that begin at 12:00 p.m.

V. Policy Review: Latin honors. The chair introduced a request to review the required number of credits earned at Samford (90) for eligibility for Latin honors upon graduation. After a lengthy discussion, the chair requested that committee members gather input from their respected academic units. Reports of findings will be made in the initial spring meeting.

VI. Other

- a. Nancy Biggio introduced a question that has developed about "double majors" and "double degrees." More information will be gathered and reported to the committee in our February meeting.

- b. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2009 @ 2 p.m.
This will be an extended meeting, as we will be working on
Faculty Development Grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.