

MINUTES

Samford University Full Faculty Meeting

December 7, 2000, 3:00 p.m., DBH Brock Forum

Dr. Hugh Floyd, presiding

Devotional

The devotional was given by Janice Lasseter, who read two Christmas poems.

Web Demonstration

Bill Raabe gave a demonstration of the [Faculty Senate web site](#). He thanked Alan Hargrave, Joe Lewis, and Lee Insko for providing the space on the Samford server. Bill showed several of the pages on the web site, how to get to the site, and how to contact individuals and committees. Bill also asked for suggestions from faculty on how to improve the web page.

Paul Aucoin presented a framed picture to Ted Tibbs for serving as a mace bearer, and to Hugh Floyd. Dr. Aucoin also recognized Steve Chew who will be the mace bearer at the December graduation as the most recent Buchanan award winner. He also announced that the Macon award winner will serve as mace bearer for the Baccalaureate service in May.

Committee Reports

- Committee on University Curriculum

Maurice Persall reported that the committee has received fewer requests for action than typical. He expects that their responsibilities will increase in the spring semester.

- Committee on Business Affairs and Faculty Welfare

David Little reported that the committee had considered a number of issues during the semester. They and Dr. Lewis have enrolled Samford in a tuition exchange program that includes about 450 institutions. David also reported that the committee had drafted a family leave policy that was submitted to the Senate and passed unanimously. The proposal is currently being examined by administration before it goes to the Board of Trustees. The committee is also investigating faculty gender issues and faculty parking. David invited faculty input involving these and any other issues of interest.

- Committee on University Learning Resources

Jean Thomason reported on behalf of the committee. The committee has not met this semester, partially due to some confusion over membership. Jean also reported that Dennis Clark is leaving Samford, so a new chair will have to be elected.

- Committee on Elections

There was no report. The committee will be more active during the spring, when Tina Duffey comes off sabbatical and new slates of nominees will be prepared.

- Committee on Athletics

Bill Raabe reported that the NCAA is conducting a two-year certification of Samford athletics. He invited input from faculty to contribute to the process by serving on committees that oversee the certification process.

- Committee on Students Affairs, Religious Life, and University Relations

Elaine Marshall reported that the committee has met three times and has discussed Fall Rush, removal of MTV and BET from student cable system, scheduling of Thursday night football games, honoring retiring faculty, and categorizing student organizations. She also reported that the SGA representative has been attending committee meetings. Elaine said that the committee will emphasize minority student recruitment and has talked with Phil Kimrey about strategies for attracting qualified students.

- Committee on University Writing

David Dedo reported that all but four proposals for writing intensive courses were approved, and the four were asked to provide additional information. He also reported that 99 of 119 passed the latest writing proficiency exam. There will be an additional exam for seniors expecting to graduate in December.

- Committee on Academic Affairs

Steven Epley reported that the committee received 26 requests for faculty development grants, and their list of rankings has been forwarded to Joe Lewis for action. The committee has also been investigating academic integrity issues and has been working with Student Affairs to integrate recommendations with existing procedures. The committee recommended maintaining the current Labor Day policy (no holiday), but suggested that some sort of entertainment may be scheduled on that day for faculty, staff, and students.

Old Business

A question was raised as to whether faculty have been appointed to a provost search committee. Chair Floyd reported that President Corts retained a search firm to find the provost, and that Faculty Senators

and faculty who are not on the Senate have been appointed to a liaison committee to meet with the search firm. That committee will meet next Friday at noon.

New Business

Sharron Schlosser, from Samford's Institutional Review Board, reported that the committee is active and is currently reviewing applications. The policy relating to the committee is found in both the Faculty and Student Handbooks. She reported that this is an administrative committee and has therefore not traditionally reported to the faculty. No faculty members have rotated off the committee since 1985, except by retirement. She reported that the committee is in the process of updating membership and forms, and the forms will be posted on line in the future; the old forms should be used until then. The guidelines will be similar to those used in hospitals.

Chair Floyd reported that there will be some changes in academic unit administration due to retirements. Morgan Ponder then reported that American Association of University Professors will have a panel discussion, tentatively scheduled for February 22, to discuss faculty involvement in administrative search committees. There will be more information at the beginning of spring semester when the date is finalized.

Dean Joe Dean announced that the reason for Dr. Lewis' and Dr. Corts' absences is that they were in Washington, D.C. to receive an award from Education Secretary Riley recognizing Samford as one of four excellent institutions of teacher training.

Respectfully submitted,

George Keller

Faculty Senate Secretary