

Samford University Faculty Meeting: Tuesday August 19, 2003

The Meeting was convened by Professor Paul Blanchard, chair of the faculty senate, at 11:30 A.M.

Following a motion and a second, the minutes from the May, 2003 meeting submitted by Professor Blanchard, were unanimously approved by those in attendance.

Professor Blanchard offered the floor to the University President, Dr. Corts, or to the University Provost, Brad Creed, for comments or discussion. The offer was declined.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Learning Resources – No report.

University Curriculum Committee – No report

University Athletic Committee – No report

The Election's committee – No report

Business Affairs and Faculty Welfare Committee – No report

Academic Affairs- No report

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Diversity Committee –Paul Holloway (Religion) reported that this committee has met several times and the faculty can expect a report soon.

Academic Freedom - Bobby Riggs (Pharmacy) reported that the committee chair, Julie Steward, is on sabbatical. After some discussion Professor Riggs agreed to chair this committee.

Faculty Equity committee report was offered by Steve Ruble. Sarah Latham has worked very hard on drafting the report. The research has been conducted with the help of the office of Institutional Research. A polished document is in the final phases. Dr. Blanchard asked for a timeline and Dr. Ruble suggested that September 1st was a target for submission to the committee for response. After that the document will be sent to the administration for a response by October. The efforts of Sarah Latham on this project were recognized and appreciation expressed.

Old business

None offered.

New Business

None Offered

Announcements

David Finn (Education) called for awareness of the critical situation in Liberia. Samford is tied to this country through several channels, noteworthy among those ties is the Marla Corts school.

Jennings Marshall (Business) reminded the President of the faculty that committee chairs needed the vote of approval from the faculty. A motion was made and seconded to approve the chairs and the approval was granted unanimously.

Dr. Blanchard announced that an early order of business for the senate would be to consider extending the term of the faculty senate chair and vice-chair to two years to create continuity.

Dr. Blanchard informed the faculty of recent computer tampering in the Science building and urged the faculty to report any unusual circumstances they may find with their computers.

Dr. Blanchard adjourned the meeting.