

**SAMFORD UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY MEETING**

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

Brock Recital Hall

11:35 a.m.

**Call to Order:** Don Sandley, President of the Faculty Senate

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Jennings Marshall (Business) and seconded by Perry Tompkins (A&S) to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Faculty approval was unanimous by voice vote.

**Old Business:**

Don Sandley reminded the faculty that Buck Brock (Administration) gave a report during the morning faculty workshop regarding the pension plan review. Mr. Brock indicated that it appears that our current plan appears to be very close to being the most desirable point for the university and that what we will eventually see is likely to be similar to what we have currently. No further update was given during the official faculty meeting.

**New Business:**

Item #1 In light of the university-wide strategic planning process, Don Sandley charged all committee chairs for the coming year to have their respective committees undertake a systematic and thorough review of:

- 1) The description of the committee which appears in the faculty handbook;
- 2) The actual work of the committee which has been taking place;
- 3) The work and function of the committee in light of the description of all other committees of the faculty which are described in the faculty handbook.

This critical review should result in recommendations to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee in:

- 1) Whether the committee should continue as a standing committee or if its work is best achieved by another committee;
- 2) Proposed revised language for the faculty handbook describing the actual work/scope of the committee should the recommendation be to retain the standing committee.

**Announcements:**

Senate Chair Don Sandley is representing the faculty on the University Council. Don reported his efforts to truly represent the faculty. He feels that for the first time in many years the faculty has real access to the administration. He reiterated that he believes that we are in a time of great trust, clarity, and transparency.

Spring commencement is being moved up one week. Commencement exercises will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at the new Pete Hanna Arena for all programs except for law and pharmacy. In order to accommodate commencement activities back on campus for the first time in many years, pharmacy will now have commencement on Friday, May 16, 2008. Law commencement will be conducted in the same format as previous years. Important note: Grades will not be due until the Tuesday AFTER commencement.

Sarah Latham (President's Office) announced that a fifth year review of faculty salaries is underway and a report will be given in the spring.

Paul Aucoin announced that the procession line for convocation will be different, using the hallways of the Wright Center instead of previous procedures. Please pay attention to the signage.

### **Adjournment**

Faculty Chair Sandley adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.