

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Friday, September 3, 2004

Present: Nancy Whitt, Max Baber, Doug Clapp, Steve Donaldson, Paul Holloway, Janice Lasseter, Mary McCullough, Robin Snyder, Melissa Tate, Scott Fisk (A&S); Archie Lochamy, Marshall Jennings, Tom Woolley (Business); Norfleete Day (Divinity); Ralph Gold, Jr., Carol Dean, Raymond King (Education); Ed Cherry (Library); Geri Beers, Jennifer Coleman, Darlene Mathis (Nursing); Sherrie Lawhon, Angie Lindbloom (Performing Arts); Scott Asbill, Jennifer Beall, Roger Lander, Bobby Riggs (Pharmacy); Tim Covington (Business Affairs & Faculty Welfare); Don Sandley, Vice President; Roger Parker (Academic Affairs); Tim Banks (University Learning Resources); Marian Nance (guest); Brad Creed (Provost).

Call to Order: Nancy Whitt, Chair of the Faculty Senate called the meeting to order.

Invocation: The invocation was offered by Tim Banks, with special prayer for Frank Rikard, husband of Marlene Rikard (A&S), who was at that time undergoing assessment at the hospital for a possible serious medical condition.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jennings Marshall, seconded by Roger Lander, and unanimously adopted to approve the minutes for the May 7, 2004 regular meeting of the faculty senate.

Senate Business: A motion was made by Carol Dean, seconded by Jennings Marshall, and unanimously adopted that Melissa Tate and Roger Lander serve as at-large members of the Senate Executive Committee. Chair Nancy Whitt appointed Jennings Marshall as Senate Parliamentarian.

Provost's Remarks: Brad Creed reported that (1) Samford's SACS re-accreditation process will culminate in 2007, following their site visit here in spring 2007. He will appoint an oversight committee this fall to assist with preparations for that event. (2) His office will oversee a review of our academic integrity process that will involve school deans and SGA officers (and possibly others). They will inventory what is already going on, explore ways to educate ourselves and our students, and review enforcement and consequences.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: (Roger Parker) The committee has not yet met this semester, but there are some items left from the spring that need to be dealt with, e.g. consideration of a process for faculty evaluation of academic deans on a university-wide basis; consideration of a university-wide grading scale for undergraduate students.

Athletics: (Max Baber for Eric Fournier) The athletics committee will meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Business Affairs: (Tim Covington) Faculty parking (see discussion below under New Business)

Curriculum: (Melissa Tate for Dennis Jones) The first meeting of the committee will be held on Friday, September 17, 2004. Proposals for curriculum changes and additions should be sent to Dennis Jones by September 10, 2004 (15 copies).

Diversity: (Paul Holloway) This committee has yet to meet this semester; will meet on 3rd Fridays.

Student Affairs: (David Shipley) The committee is recruiting faculty to serve on the Values Council this year.

Learning Resources: (Tim Banks) Chair, Tim Banks, will meet with Alan Hargrave next week; the committee will meet on Thursday, September 16.

Writing: No report.

Old Business: Bobby Riggs reported that two new members are need for the Senate's Ad Hoc committee on Academic Freedom. A motion was made by Jennings Marshall, seconded by Don Sandley, and unanimously adopted to approve Mary McCullough and Max Baber for these positions.

New Business: Parking. This issue was raised at the university-wide faculty meeting held on August 24. There are simply not sufficient parking spaces for faculty and staff on campus, and numerous faculty members are asking that some of the commuter spaces be re-designated as faculty and staff spaces. In addition, a letter from Mary Monk Tutor was distributed describing her recent experience parking across Lakeshore. She pointed out the potential dangers for a pedestrian trying to get to that lot after the last shuttle has run. Ellen McLaughlin and Marian Nance presented a report on some of the frustrations experienced in dealing with appeals of parking tickets and the University's policy of withholding the amount for unpaid parking tickets from faculty and staff paychecks. It is considered inappropriate that faculty and staff ticket appeals are reviewed by groups that include students. Brad Creed reported that Dr. Corts has asked him and Bill Mathews to develop an appropriate appeals process for faculty and staff. Extensive discussion followed with indication that the Business Affairs and Faculty Welfare Committee has repeatedly asked the administration for improvements in the faculty and staff parking provisions, but to no avail.

Nancy Whitt agreed to circulate to all the senators a proposed ticket appeals process drafted by Marian Nance. It will be considered for action at the next meeting. She directed the Business Affairs and Faculty Welfare Committee to review the matters of acquiring more parking spaces, re-designation of some student spaces for faculty, safety, and payroll withholding of amounts owed for parking tickets.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Nancy Whitt.