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Minutes  
Faculty Council Meeting  
Wallace Hall

Date: August 30, 2007

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Scout Blum (T)  
Dr. Cindy McCoy (T)  
Dr. Sam Shelton (T)

Dr. Sandra Harris (M)  
Dr. Dianne Eppler (UC)  
Dr. Steven Taylor (T)  
Ms. Alyssa Martin (Lib)  
Dr. Dick Williams (D)

Dr. Timothy Buckner (T)  
Dr. Nirmol Podder (T)

Dr. Jim Ryan (PC)  
Dr. Bud Borders (D)  
Dr. Tish Matuszek (M)  
Dr. James DeLoach (M)

Dr. Catherine Allard (T)  
Dr. Mark Walker (T)

Dr. Chan Roark (T)  
Dr. Andrew Creamer (T)  
Dr. Jeanne Wright (T)

Excused Absence: Dr. Jim Davis (T)  
Dr. Al Glover (T)  
Dr. Sue Hayden (T)

1. Roll was called by Dr. Sam Shelton
2. No minutes were approved.
3. Dr. Blum introduced and recognized the new members of the Council. There are three current vacancies – Phenix City (at large), Business, and a new vacancy in Arts and Sciences due the resignation of Dr. Pat Rossi – that need to be filed through election.

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### Old Business

- a. FC Teaching Excellence Award : Dr. Buckner was nominated
- b. Standing Committee reports:
  - Executive Committee: Dr. Sam Shelton made initial contact with the *Tropolitan* to see if they are interested in covering the Faculty Council meeting, which they have done in the past. The Council has a webpage assigned to it by the University as well as a separate webpage through Spectrum. Both need updating with current Council membership and meeting information.
  - Ad Hoc Textbook Committee: Dr. Rossi submitted his resignation to the Council, so this will need to be addressed later.

### 4. New Business

- a. Meeting Times and Dates – Resolution 1 was passed with the following dates for the 2007-2008 academic year.
  - August 29, 2007
  - September 25, 2007
  - October 31, 2007
  - November 27, 2007
  - January 30, 2008
  - February 26, 2008
  - March 26, 2008
  - April 29, 2008
  - June 25, 2008

These meetings are to be held in 366 Wallace Hall at 3 p.m.  
Videoconferencing is available for members at non-Troy Campus locations.
- b. Faculty Committee assignments – Dr. Blum announced Committee Assignments for the 2007-2008 year:

#### **Executive Committee**

S. Blum, chair  
S. Taylor  
C. McCoy  
S. Shelton

#### **Elections**

S. Shelton, chair  
S. Harris  
D. Williams  
OPEN (A&S member)

#### **Faculty Welfare**

D. Eppler (interim chair)  
A. Martin

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J. Davis  
B. Borders  
M. Walker  
J. Ryan  
A. Creamer

**Academic Affairs**

C. Allard (interim chair)  
N. Podder  
J. Wright  
T. Buckner  
J. DeLoach  
S. Hayden  
OPEN (Phenix City member)

**Committee on Committees**

C. McCoy, chair  
A. Glover  
T. Matuszek  
C. Roark  
F. Hammonds  
S. Taylor  
OPEN (Business member)

Dr. Blum asked that the committees with interim chairs to elect their permanent chairs. Dr. Taylor noted that committees must be active because of the volume of work that the Council should accomplish.

- c. Faculty Evaluations will be discussed at the next meeting by Dr. Don Jeffrey.
- d. Town Hall Meetings – Dr. Blum discussed that she will have faculty meetings at all university sites in Alabama. The dates are August 28<sup>th</sup> in Dothan (held yesterday), August 30<sup>th</sup> in Troy, September 5<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery, and September 11<sup>th</sup> in Phenix City. Dr. Blum will investigate other means of communication with University College faculty.
- e. Contacting constituents – Dr. Blum would like everyone to be more involved in the process of the Council and suggested that everyone contact at least five people to receive input on their concerns and ideas. Everyone was asked to submit those comments in summary form to any of the officers of the Council by September 17.
- f. Information request regarding Vision 2010 – Dr. Blum noted that a couple of items in Vision 2010 discusses in particular faculty salaries. She

requested a motion to authorize her to contact Dr. Roach requesting information on the status of this goal. Dr. Taylor moved and Dr. Allard seconded. Motion passed.

- g. International Opportunities – Dr. Allard discussed China’s interest in our faculty visiting their universities under the 1-2-1 program. She discussed the relationship with the international people and is will to help with any questions faculty may have. Dr. Fulmer is charged by the University to assist the faculty with locating opportunities and completing paperwork. Email Dr. Fulmer and he will send you the information; early contact is encouraged because of the required paperwork.
- h. Faculty Handbook Policies.
  - 1. Draft Cell Phone Policy – Dr. Fulmer discussed the safety committee review and procedure of the Troy crisis policy. It is in the process now to go to the Cabinet. He discussed the capacity that the University has to contact student via cell phone. The web address is [sos.troy.edu](http://sos.troy.edu) Cell phone policy is for emergencies only and phones must be set in an unobtrusive mode.

Dr. Allard asked about phone use during testing.

Dr. Fulmer suggested that all students place phones on the corner of their desk so that they are in view at all times during the test.

Dr. Matuszek asked whether the program will be available at all sites.

Dr. Fulmer was not sure but would find out.

Dr. Ryan asked whether there was a charge to cell phone owner.

Dr. Fulmer noted that there is no cost to sign up for this service, but if the person elects to be contacted my text message then charges may apply with your service provider.

2. Draft ADA Policy – Dr. Fulmer discussed the standard ADA compliance language for syllabi. Starting in Spring 2008 there needs to be standard statements. CCFA is already using similar language.

- 5. The meeting adjourned at 3: 45.