

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2011  
GUC LOFT**

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on January 25, 2011, in the Loft of the Guillot University Center. The following members were present: Dr. Birdie Bailey, Dr. Doug Barrett, Ms. Jennifer Brown, Dr. Thomas Calhoun, Ms. Bonnie Coats, Dr. Melvin Davis, Ms. Jessica Ezell, Dr. Kerry Gatlin, Dr. Vagn Hansen, Dr. Bill Huddleston, Dr. Donna Jacobs, Dr. Andrew Luna, Dr. David Muse, Dr. Janice Myhan, Mr. David Shields, Ms. Joan Smith, Dr. John Thornell, Dr. Brenda Webb and Dr. Laura Williams. Ms. Jill Chambers, committee chair, presided. A quorum was present.

**Call to Order**

Ms. Chambers called the meeting to order at approximately 3:35 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes**

The agenda and the minutes from the November 30, 2010, meeting were approved by consensus.

**Old Business**

- A. Service Learning Subcommittee – no report.
- B. Academic Honesty Policy – Staff Senate approved the draft with eight recommendations. (Previously, this 16-page draft, which included the policy and process, failed to pass the Faculty Senate and SGA.) Dr. Thornell suggested we form a work group to revisit the policy only. Dr. David Muse will head the work group and Dr. Brenda Webb will assist. Other members will be added. The proposed draft policy will be used as a reference.
- C. Retroactive Withdrawal Policy – Faculty Senate and SGA approved the change, which is the inclusion of the word “normally” in the sentence, “The request must be submitted to the Registrar **normally** within one year of the end of the semester of most recent enrollment.” Staff Senate felt that adding “normally” leaves it too open. Dr. Bailey suggested that we approve the draft approved by the Faculty Senate and

SGA and note that we did recognize and consider the Staff Senate's suggestion.

Jessica Ezell made the motion and Dr. Webb seconded it. The motion passed.

## **New Business**

- A. Thanksgiving Break – SGA submitted a proposal that Thanksgiving break consist of the entire week, instead of the existing three days off. Dr. Thornell suggested that we present recommendations to SGA for alternative schedules to accommodate their proposal. The recommendations include:
  1. No Fall Break. Study Day on Wednesday. Start exams on Thursday and end on Tuesday.
  2. New Student Orientation on Thursday and Friday. Start classes on Monday.
  3. Start classes on Tuesday. No Fall Break.
  4. No Study Day. Start classes on Tuesday.
  5. No Study Day. No Fall Break.
- B. Academic Appeal Policy – Dr. Thornell suggested that even the one-semester suspension student should have a right to appeal but there should be a filter in place. Readmission Committee would only hear legitimate cases that have been reviewed by departments such as CAARS, etc. A subcommittee should possibly be formed consisting of Director of Admissions, Registrar, CAARS, and others. Will be discussed further at the February meeting. The Chair will send more information to committee members prior to the February meeting.
- C. Athletics Possible Move – each shared governance committee has been asked to submit to the Shared Governance Exec Committee its consensus as to whether or not the University should move to Division I. The ASA Committee will submit the following:
  1. Move to Division I Concerns
    - Money – burden on UNA
    - How will students pay – financial burden on students
    - Recruiting
    - Potential for privacy of academics
    - Need for capital improvements overriding academics
    - Where will the resources come from if the move does not bring in the expected resources

- Hard to win

2. Stay in Division II Concerns

- Harder to recruit when a school doesn't have a full slate of athletics
- Known by the company you keep
- Future of Division II up in the air
- Concerned about what is being done to stay in Division II
- Community Support
- Financial issues staying in Division II
- Keeps the University from expanding and recruiting students
- Marketing

**Announcements**

- Next meeting is February 22, 2011, 3:30 p.m., GUC Loft.

**Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.

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Jill Chambers, Committee Chair