## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES October 21, 2004

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met October 21, 2004 in the Faculty/Staff Commons of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

President Blose called the meeting to order and recognized the following proxies: Ms. Loraine Glasscock for Senator Holley from Accounting and Business Law, Ms. Natasha Lindsey for Senator Thorne from Marketing and Management.

The following senators were present: Adams, Adler, Atkinson, Bates, Blose, Brewton, Bruce, Crisler, Fennell, Foote, Ford, R. Gaunder, Hallock, Leonard, Loew, Makowski, McDaniel, Myhan, Parris, Richardson, Robinson, Rock, Roden, Takeuchi, Tunell, Turner, VanRensselaer, Wallace, Ward, and Wilson.

The following senators were absent without proxy: Brown, Cai, Davidson, Gaston, Gorham, Martin, and Webb.

Senator R. Gaunder moved the adoption of the agenda. Ms. Glasscock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator R. Gaunder moved the approval of (d)-3((k)10(e)-3(u)-3(ch)-3(i,)10()&T)-&u)-3(n)6(e)-3(II)4

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E. Senator Wilson moved to instruct the Faculty Attitude Survey Committee to administer the survey on-line. Senator Makowski seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 23-3-6.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Dr. Newson reported on the process of retroactive withdrawals. The current practice has been to allow the deans make the decision and aft of a policy statement for the Faculty Handbook which he has been working on with the Senate Executive Committee.(See Attachment A) In his investigations he found that no grade had been changed to another letter grade. He presented a log of the retroactive withdrawals from the past year. (See Attachment B) Dr. Newson recommended that he work with the Academic Affairs Committee of the senate to finalize the policy of retroactive withdrawals. He expressed a great concern about the violation of current stated policy which states all grade changes for other than clerical or recording error must be reviewed and approved by the VPAA.

record of the fact that the student actually enrolled and attended a class.

what the student has attempted. Senators expressed the necessity of consulting with the faculty member before a grade is changed to a withdrawal. The question of how the action affects financial aid was also raised. Senator Makowski moved that this issue be sent to the Academic Affairs Committee. Senator Bates seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. A resolution concerning empowering the Faculty Senate on issues of academic matters was presented.(See Attachment C) Senator R. Gaunder moved to consider the resolution. Senator Adler seconded. The resolution will be considered next month.

Senator Roden moved that the meeting be adjourned. Senator Turner seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.