

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
8 September 2022

**Call to order:**

A regular meeting of the University of North Alabama's Faculty Senate convened via Zoom Video Conferencing at 3.30pm with President Stovall presiding.

**I. Recognized Proxies and New Senators**

Ravi Gollapalli for Leshan Kimbrough

Tosha -Paige Whitten for Betsy Heckert



Policy, and Workload Policy) and the Academic Affairs Committee (Graduate Faculty Selection Policy and Nepotism Policy) for review. Sen. Watson accepted the amendment and the amended policy was voted on (33Y: 0N: 1Abs).

**XI. Information Items**

None

**XII. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn proposed by Sen. Carrasco and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Shremshock. Meeting adjourned at 4.31pm.

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE  
DR. KITTS SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

Colleagues:

My recent President's Communique, shared with campus on September 2, contained many important updates on topics ranging from fall enrollment to governmental relations, and from the state's education budget to our SACS reaffirmation effort. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to review that document carefully. I am always happy to answer questions or expand on any of the topics covered therein.

One important theme you will hear me emphasize this year is that our growth as a University must be seen in qualitative as well as quantitative terms. Our collective success in generating consistently good enrollment outcomes is impressive, but I never want our growth to be understood as a numbers game or to overshadow the many other positive developments on our campus.

As our faculty colleagues, you are setting a new standard for excellence in teaching, research, and service – and thank you for that! Our dedicated staff members are providing an exceptional campus experience for our students through programming that compliments the academic enterprise. And our students are doing their part by taking advantage of all that UNA has to offer

## **Report to the Faculty Senate**

September 8, 2022

Dr. Ross Alexander, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

### **Enrollment**

Fall 2022 marks the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive term of record enrollment at UNA, with increases across every type of student constituency—on-campus, online, graduate, undergraduate, Freshman, transfers, international, and adult. Official University census occurs on Friday, October 28 to accommodate Fall 2 term starts, but I can confidently predict a final tally of well above 10,000 students, a 15% rate-of-growth compared to Fall 2021. This enrollment success lies in stark contrast to other universities in the state and region, and in light of significant demographic challenges in a volatile and chaotic enrollment environment.

Simply, the UNA brand is strong and we should all celebrate this success. Most notably, it has been achieved through intentional pursuit of the “smart growth” strategy that neither over-invests nor under-invests in any single approach. Rather, it engenders growth across all

The University will launch no new academic programs in the Fall semester, but several new programs will launch in Spring 2023, including:

- Doctor of Nursing Practice—DNP (ACONHP) (online)—UNA’s third doctoral program, and first fully-online;
- Mental Health Practitioner track in the MSN (ACONHP) (online);
- Master of Health Administration—MHA (COBT) (online);
- Joel R. Anderson BBA in Innovation and Entrepreneurship (COBT) (f2f);
- A fully online version of the B.S. in Sport and Recreation Management (COEHS).

Looking forward to Fall 2023, UNA will launch several new programs, including:

- B.S. in Respiratory Care (ACONHP) (f2f);
- B.S. in Engineering Technology, Power Generation option (CASE) (f2f);
- A.S. in Mechatronics; A.S. in Culinary Arts; A.S. in Hospitality and Events Management (CASE) (f2f)—UNA’s first three Associate’s degrees.

Several academic capital projects are recently-completed, nearing completion, underway and meeting planned timelines, including:

- Computing and Mathematics Building w/Founders Hill renovation (Spring 2024);
  - Gunn Commons first floor renovation (One Stop relocation) (mid-September);
  - 541 W. College St. building for COBT Office of Regional Engagement, the Joel R. Anderson Generator, and the Executive Classroom (completed);
  - Phase 3 of the McKinney Center to accommodate the move of Culinary Arts from East Campus (Summer 2023);
- We also hope to secure additional funding this year, above what is already committed from governmental sources, for an eventual Engineering Building to accommodate our tremendous growth in that suite of programs.

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