Faculty Senate Minutes 2/5/09

Meeting called to order at 1:35pm

Members in attendance:
Adult Education                      Doug Rogers
Atmore At-Large                     Nate Dennis
Atmore At-Large                     Cory Moore
Brewton At-Large                   Deborah Albritton
Brewton At-Large                   Dan Wagner
Humanities                              David Willis
Library                                    Kim Coale
Mathematics & Science          Allen Gainer

Members not present:
Nursing                                   Susan Mack (Ann Lambert sitting in for Susan)
Business & Social Sciences    Darrell Blevins
Technical Division                  Roger Harrelson

Old Business:

Reduction in Force Guidelines:
The policies changed approved in the last meeting were modified by AEA. When an employee
is dismissed as part of a Reduction in Force, that employee will be:
   a. Offered the position within 2 years if it becomes available again
   b. If the offer is made, then the dismissed employee will have 30 calendar days to
      accept or decline the offer
Dr. McBride approved the recommendations and forwarded them on to the chancellor

Calendar changes:
The calendar committee has not met, yet. However, discussions about moving graduation from
Monday to Friday or Saturday have not received positive reacts from those faculty surveyed.
The reason that the faculty senate discussed changing the graduation date from Monday to Friday
or Saturday was to get a full week off between the Spring and Summer semesters rather than
ending and starting the semesters in the middle of the week. Once the calendar committee meets,
we will discuss the matter further.

New Business:

Professional Development:
Discussed upcoming professional development:
   a. 2/16 in Neal auditorium from 9am-12pm. Dr. McBride strongly encourages everyone to attend.
   b. 2/25 in Pate 103 – Writing across curriculum

Changes to the Academic Honesty policy:
Dean Hall spoke at the faculty senate and described some proposed changes to the Academic Honesty policy. The main points were:
   a. Changing the wording of some of the policies to make it more clear
   b. Creating a new policy where instructors would notify the student in writing of failing grade, removal from course, or recommendation for academic probation
   c. Once the student received the written notice, they would have five days to appeal to the dean of instruction
   d. If disciplinary action is needed, the dean would arrange a hearing for the student with the Student Affairs Judiciary Committee

Faculty Senate members were sent a draft of the complete policy change for distribution to their divisions

Discussion:
The senate suggests that the “five days” be clarified to five business days

Motion to vote
Draft approved with the suggestion for change.

Next Meeting:
The next faculty senate meeting was set for 3/5 @ 1:30

Motion to close (seconded)
**Motion passed by voice vote.**
Meeting ended at 1:58pm