Dean Olin called the spring faculty meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. Approximately 48 faculty members were in attendance. The minutes of the faculty meeting are in the form of this Powerpoint presentation. At the conclusion of his presentation, he called for new business or questions. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 5 p.m.
Spring Faculty Meeting
3:30 p.m., 205 Smith Hall
Agenda

1. Welcome
   Dean Olin

2. Motions from the Committee On Undergraduate Learning to Approve University Policy on Double Majors
   Professor Stephen Borrelli

3. Report on Faculty Senate Election
   Dean Olin

4. Report on Graduate Council Election
   Dean Olin

5. Dean’s Spring Report
   Dean Olin

6. New Business

7. Adjournment
   Dean Olin
Students may complete double majors, with one major in one college and another major in a second college, by completing all requirements for each major. Students must familiarize themselves with the degree requirements of each college. Colleges may agree to waive certain requirements for students seeking double majors, such as requirements for a minor.

The student may establish either college as her/his primary residency, but, when program accreditation requires residence in a college, the student resides in the college whose professional accreditation requires residency. The student must pay all fees and adhere to all requirements of each college, other than residency.

Each college and department involved must be notified by the student of the intent to pursue a double major and must agree to the double major.

The student must follow all application procedures and meet any admission requirements that have been established for each college and major. The student is expected and encouraged to use the advising services of each college.

Each college will make decisions independently on dismissal from a particular major. The student must complete requirements for both majors prior to receiving her/his degree in order to receive credit for both majors. A student who fails to complete the requirements for one major can receive a degree if requirements have been met for one of the majors, including all requirements of the granting college, such as a minor. Each college is responsible for notifying the Registrar's Office that a student has completed requirements for the major. The College in which the student resides is responsible for notifying the Registrar's Office that a student has completed degree requirements and such matters as Honors at graduation. The student will receive the degree offered by the college of residence.

Each college and department will receive credit for the student in determining ACHE viability requirements.

This motion by the Committee on Undergraduate Learning was put to vote and passed.
Faculty Senators

Seth Appiah-Opoku
Lowell Baker
Sheila Black
Martin Evans
Bronwen Lichtenstein
Tsun-Zee Mai
Michael Martone
Timothy Murphy
Katrina Ramonell

Ed Stephenson
Harold Stowell
John Vincent
Ray White

Alternates:
Rich Megraw
Larry Kohl
James Wang
Graduate Council Election

The election is now open and will close this Friday, April 25th, at noon.

The URL is: http://www.as.ua.edu/gradvote.
Spring 2008 Report
Dean Robert Olin
Congratulations

Teacher of the Year Award
Music Teachers National Association
Amanda Penick
Professor of music and coordinator of piano
School of Music

March 2 piano recital honored Penick’s 54 years of teaching with performances of 11 pianists and former Penick students.

First American to conduct archaeological research in post revolutionary Cuba

Jim Knight
Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology

Two major books in Southeastern Archaeology:
*The Search for Mabila*
Edited volume accepted for publication, University of Alabama Press

Congratulations

First Hudson Alpha Prize for Innovation in Life Sciences

Awards ceremony and black-tie gala for grand opening of Huntsville’s Hudson Alpha Institute takes place today. Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the Human Genome Project, will present the award.

Knighted!
France’s Ordre des Palmes Académiques
Associate Professor Metka Zupancic
Department of Modern Languages and Classics

(Order of Academic Palms), an international honor society reserved for those who have made substantial contributions to French culture.
Congratulations

Delivery of UA’s 2008 “Last Lecture”
Sponsored by the Graduate School
“Bye Bye Miss American Pie”
Professor Jim Salem
Department of American Studies
May 1, 30 Alston Hall, 6 p.m.
Reception to follow.

Elected President of Alabama Folklife Association
Jim Hall
Professor and Director, New College
Congratulations

2007 Burnum Distinguished Faculty Award
Dr. John E. Lochman
Professor and Saxon Chair in Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology
Presented Burnum Lecture April 2

Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant
Assistant Professor Douglas Gibler
Department of Political Science
Given for research into understanding global conflict.
The grant is the first given by the Guggenheim Foundation to a researcher in Gibler’s area of study in more than five years.
UA Premier Award Recipients

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award
- John Holaday (biology 1968)
- Karoline Richardson, Classics, Montgomery, AL

Morris Mayer Award
- Tim Neunzig, German and business management, Tuscaloosa, AL

John Fraser Ramsey Award
- Alex Flachsbart, political science and economics major, Concord, Calif.

William P. Bloom Award
- Jessica Garcia, English and Spanish major, Tampa, FL

The 2008 UA Premier Award recipients include (front row, L-R) Jessica Garcia, Michelle McGaha, Karoline Richardson, (back row, L-R) John Holaday, Jan Brakefield, Jack Trey Hayes, Tim Neunzig and Alex Flachsbart.
Student Accomplishments

UA Tops Nation (Again) with Seven USA Today All-Academic Team Members

Four are from the College of Arts and Sciences.

• First Team, Renee Rivas, senior biology major
• Second Team, Dana Lewis, junior public relations/political science major
• Second Team, Jackson Switzer, senior chemistry major
• Third Team, Alexander Flachsbart, senior political science/economics major

Other USA Today All-USA College Academic Team members from UA are Michelle McGaha, a senior industrial engineering major, Second Team; Dylan Whisenhunt, a senior chemical engineering major, Third Team; and Adam Harbison, who earned his degree in healthcare management in December 2007, named to the Third Team.
Kyle Lee, biology major, Milry, AL
Receives Benjamin Cumming Biology Prize

One of four recipients selected nationally for the $1,000 prize by the publisher of general biology textbooks used at The University of Alabama. Lee has worked in the lab of Associate Professors Guy and Kim Caldwell, Department of Biological Sciences.
Three 2008 Goldwater Scholars

- Kalen Berry, biology major
- Eric R.J. Edwards, physics/math major
- Susan Michelle DeLeon, biology major
Dean’s Undergraduate Awards of Merit

Phillip Earl Jordan
Bachelor of Arts
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Huntsville, AL

Jackson Reeves Switzer
Bachelor of Science
Major: Chemistry
Hometown: Gulfport, MS

Bradford Howland
Patterson, Bachelor of Arts
Major: Economics
Hometown: Fairfax Station, VA

Andrew Joshua Vincent
Bachelor of Science
Major: Chemistry
Hometown: Birmingham, AL

Renee Nicole Rivas
Bachelor of Science
Major: Biological Sciences
Hometown: Richardson, TX
Distinguished Undergraduate Scholars

Nicholas L. Massie
Bachelor of Science
Major: Chemistry
Minor: Biology
Hometown: Montevallo, AL

Adam S. Sneed, Bachelor of Arts
Majors: English and mathematics
Minor: Blount Undergraduate Initiative
Hometown: Memphis, TN
National Alumni Association
Outstanding Senior Awards

Joan-Marie Manolakis, chemistry and Spanish
Renee Nicole Rivas, biology
Jackson Switzer, chemistry
Andrew Vincent, chemistry
College Takes Three UA Graduate Student Awards

Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Master’s Student
Robert Holler
Department of Geological Sciences
Major Professor: Dr. Harold Stowell

Award for Excellence in Research by a Master’s Student
Christopher C. Hines
Department of Chemistry
Major Professor: Dr. Robin Rogers

Award for Excellence in Research by a Doctoral Student
Marcin Smiglak
Department of Chemistry
Major Professor: Dr. Robin Rogers
College Initiatives

- Enhancing Learning with Technology
- Diversity
- Undergraduate Programs, Undergraduate Student Learning, and Curriculum
- Learner Centered College
Enhancing Learning Through Technology

- Multimedia rooms
  - 15 multimedia rooms completed by May
  - Another 10 to be completed this summer
  - 85 total multimedia rooms in College by end of summer
- 90 course sections using Tegrity this semester
- Upgraded all GTA and PTTI computers
- Continuing with four-year cycle computer replacement for faculty and staff
- Refurbishing/updating Gordon-Palmer computer lab
- Established eTec Advisory Committee
Diversity

- Diversity Committee sponsored “Saturday at UA.” High school students (juniors and seniors) from the Black Belt invited to UA to learn about the admissions, financial aid, and related matters
- Recruited prospective minority faculty at the SREB Conference (October 2007)
- Continued to require departments conducting faculty searches to work toward diversifying their applicant pools
- Recruited prospective minority graduate students at the Tenth Annual Alabama/LSAMP Graduate School Fair (October 2007), SREB Conference (October 2007), HBCU-UP Research Conference (October 2007), National Institute of Science and the Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society Meeting (March 2008), and the Innovative STEM Conference (April 2008)
- Acquired, in part, the Paul R. Jones African American Art Collection
- Participated in the First Annual Diversity Conference, hosted by the University of Alabama System (November 2007)
- Updated College’s diversity courses (posted on the Provost’s web site)
- Supported diversity programming in several departments
- Supported visit to Tuscaloosa by the author Sapphire for African American Studies Week.
Undergraduate Programs

• Expansion of Freshman Learning Communities
• Three New Living-Learning Communities Approved
• Continuation of McCollough Pre-Medical Scholars Forum
Advising and Teaching Initiative

- Preparation for New Freshman Class
- Enrollment Growth at All Levels
- Cooperation on College and Departmental Advising
- Catalog Revision
Undergraduate Programs

University–wide Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Poster or Oral Presentation Conference
April 21, 2008

• Received 109 abstracts (a 24 percent increase from 2007) from 21 departments, 121 participants.
• First year for University-wide competition, fifth year for College competition
• Participated in the national audio conference, “Promoting an Undergraduate Research Culture,” hosted by Inside Higher Education (December 2007)
• Provided financial support to undergraduate students to present their research or creative activity projects at regional, and national conferences
Learner-Centered College Initiative

- First New Faculty/Instructor Workshop (21 participants)
- Third New Faculty Workshop (30 participants)
- Second Instructor Workshop (15 participants)
- Continued emphasis on
  - improving student learning
  - evaluating efforts in retention and tenure promotion file
 Semester Abroad Initiatives

UA’s First Three Undergraduate Semester Abroad Programs

- University of Havana, Cuba, spring 2009. Professor Michael Schnepf, director.
- Peking University in Beijing, China, fall 2008. Assistant Professor Tony Clark, director.
- Shakespeare Institute, University of Birmingham, Stratford-upon-Avon, England, spring 2009, Professor John Beeler, director.
Facilities

- New Science and Engineering Complex construction continues
- Lloyd Hall reconstruction
- New desks installed first floor ten Hoor
2008-2009 Budget

Stay tuned
2007-2008 Faculty Search Results

• 36 Faculty searches underway
• 32 successful thus far
• “410 by 2010”
  - Faculty growth 50 new positions (from fall 2006) by 2010
• MINT Cluster hires ????
Economic Impact of College

Fiscal Year 2006-2007
Study conducted by
Samuel Addy, Ph.D. and Ahmad Ijaz
Center for Business and Economic Research
Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration
The University of Alabama

• College of Arts and Sciences had economic impact of $359 million and 1,654 jobs on the state.
  – includes $248 million and 1,419 jobs on the Tuscaloosa metro area.
• One fifth of the entire University of Alabama 2007 impact of $1.8 billion and almost 9,000 jobs on the state and almost $1.2 billion and 7,674 jobs on the metro area.
• $359 million expenditure impact generated $10.4 million state sales ($5.5 million) and income ($4.9 million) tax revenues and $6.4 million in city and county sales taxes for a total of $16.8 million.
• City and county sales taxes generated include $5.2 million for the Tuscaloosa metro area.
College of Arts and Sciences 2006-2007
Total: $147,233,317.

- Payroll $41,274,991
  - 28%
- Students $68,222,734
  - 46%
- Other Expenses $37,735,592
  - 26%

UA A&S 2006-2007 Economic Impact on Tuscaloosa Metro Area
Employment Impact: 1,419  Expenditure Impact: $248 million

- Payroll $50,787,225
  - 21%
- Visitors $37,457,198
  - 15%
- Other Expenses $39,798,974
  - 16%
- Students $119,921,922
  - 48%

UA A&S 2006-2007 Economic Impact on Alabama
Employment Impact: 1,654  Expenditure Impact: $359 million

- Payroll $73,882,234
  - 21%
- Visitors $56,447,552
  - 16%
- Other Expenses $75,900,048
  - 21%
- Students $152,648,368
  - 42%
College Academies

• Academy to Improve Student Success
  Si Blackstock reporting for Chair Jim Salem

• Academy for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity, Chair, Bill Dressler
Academy to Improve Student Success

• Mission: To improve freshmen retention and overall student graduation rates
• Goals:
  – increase freshmen retention rate, currently at 86%, to 90%
  – increase six-year graduation rate, currently at 63%, to 75%
• CAISS seeks proposals from A&S faculty, departments, and programs to facilitate these goals.
• Funding open to all permanent faculty.
  – No priority given on basis of rank, status, experience.
  – Groups, which may include instructors, adjuncts, or other personnel, may apply. Whole departments and programs, or groups of departments, may apply.
Academy to Improve Student Success

• Funding considered for salary, travel, equipment, supplies, honoraria--anything that will meet goal of improved student success.

• Proposal for funding must include a metric by which its success can be evaluated.

• Proposals typically for $500 to $10,000. Budgets above $10,000 must be especially well argued/developed.

• Application dates for the 2008-2009 academic year:
  – Worthy proposals unfunded on the first opportunity will be invited to resubmit for the second.
Academy to Improve Student Success

Humanities
• Lucas Niiler
• Doug Lightfoot
• Torin Alter

Social Sciences
• James Mixson
• Barbara Chotiner
• Lisa LeCount

Natural Sciences/Mathematics
• Silas Blackstock
• Alex Huryn
• David Brommer
Academy of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity

• Mission - to provide support for College faculty to achieve excellence in these areas
• Support is provided in the form of grants of up to $20K
• Funding will be considered for anything that will meet the goal of enhanced faculty productivity
• Groups, including entire departments, may apply
• All proposals must include a metric by which the success of the proposal can be evaluated
Academy of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity

- Proposals will be accepted and evaluated in both the fall and the spring semesters
- Proposals must be brief (three pages of project narrative) and describe the work in a way that can be evaluated by non-specialists
- Work can begin immediately or be postponed for several months
- Project period of twelve months
- Project culminates in a written report and colloquium for the College
Academy of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity

- Humanities/Fine Arts
  - Thomas Adkins
  - Susan Fleming
  - Norv Richards

- Social Sciences
  - John Beeler
  - Lou Burgio
  - Karl DeRouen

- Math/Natural Sciences
  - Bill Keel
  - Janis O’Donnell
  - Shane Street

- Future members:
  - One additional member from each division will be added
Capital Campaign

- College Campaign goal is $27 million
- Raised $21.5 million as of March 2008
- 79.78 percent of our goal
- Raised $7.6 million since March 2007
Spring Development Events

- Benefactor’s Dinner, March 7, record attendance of 226
- Leadership Board meeting March 8. Record increase of 27 members in 2007-2008
- Arty Party fundraiser for fine and performing arts, April 4, 190 attending, > $35,000 raised.
- June 6-July 4 SummerTide Theatre, George C. Myers Theatre, Gulf Shores, Alabama: You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown
Thank You Outgoing Chairs

- Bill Dooley, Department of Art
- David Dixon, Department of Chemistry
- Ida Johnson, Department of Women's Studies
- Harold Stowell, Department of Geological Sciences
Don’t Forget!

*Bye Bye Miss American Pie*

UA’s 2008 “Last Lecture”
By Professor Jim Salem
Dept. of American Studies
May 1, 30 Alston Hall, 6 p.m.,
Reception to follow

*Be there or be square*
This is how college is meant to be

Thank you for coming

Please join us for wine and cheese in the gallery