Spring Faculty Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2009
3:30 p.m., 205 Smith Hall
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Agenda

1. Welcome
   Dean Olin

2. Items from the Committee on Undergraduate Learning.
   
   Motion 1: Approve change in the minimum grade point averages required for baccalaureate degree completion.

   Motion 2: Approve the addition of a shared major in African American Studies offered in conjunction with The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

   Information item: Minor in Asian Studies has been reactivated.

3. Dean’s Spring Report
   Dean Olin

4. New Business

5. Adjourn
   Dean Olin
1. The Committee on Undergraduate Learning recommends the approval of a change in the minimum grade point averages that are required for baccalaureate degree completion.

To earn an undergraduate degree, the College of Arts and Sciences requires the completion of a minimum 120 credit hours of approved coursework and the attainment of the following minimum standards of academic accomplishment:

   Each student must earn a grade point average of at least 2.0 for all coursework attempted at The University of Alabama;
   Each student must earn a grade point average of at least 2.0 for all college-level coursework attempted;
   Each student must earn a grade point average of at least 2.0 for all coursework applicable to the major attempted at The University of Alabama;
   Each student must earn a grade point average of at least 2.0 for all coursework applicable to the minor attempted at The University of Alabama.

This change in grade point average requirements drops the higher education grade point average in the major and the minor. That is the only change recommended.

This change will become effective with the 2010-2012 UA catalog.

This was made in the form of a motion by Professor Steve Borrelli, representing the Committee. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The Committee recommends that the faculty approve the addition of a shared major in African American Studies. This major will be offered in conjunction with The University of Alabama at Birmingham. The structure and general requirements of the major are attached. These requirements are consistent with those expected by the College and the Committee recommends approval of this new major. It is expected that this shared major will be available to students in the fall semester, 2009.

Information item. The Committee on Undergraduate Learning also brings to the attention of the faculty that the minor in Asian Studies has been reactivated and will become available to students upon the Provost’s approval of the reactivation.

Item 2 was made in the form of a motion by Professor Steve Borrelli, representing the Committee. The motion passed unanimously.
Faculty Senate Elections

Senators:

John Blitz, Department of Anthropology
Steve Burch, Department of Theatre and Dance
Carolyn Cassady, Department of Chemistry
Luke Niiler, Department of English
Jim Hall, New College
Rasma Lazda, Department of Modern Languages and Classics
Osiris Molina, School of Music
Seth Panitch, Department of Theatre and Dance
Karen Steckol, Department of Communicative Disorders

Alternates:

Ron Buta, Department of Physics and Astronomy
Priscilla Davis, Department of Communicative Disorders
Doug Gibler, Department of Political Science
Donna Meester, Department of Theatre and Dance
Spring 2009 Report
Dean Robert Olin
Congratulations

Caldwells Receive 2008 Blackmon-Moody Award

Drs. Guy and Kim Caldwell, Department of Biological Sciences, recognized for their work in therapeutic development for human movement disorders.

Choice Magazine Selects Books by Freyer, Keel as Outstanding Academic Titles

Little Rock on Trial: Cooper v. Aaron and School Desegregation by Dr. Tony Freyer, research professor of history and law.

The Road to Galaxy Formation, by Dr. William Keel, Department of Physics and Astronomy.

Prestigious list recommends best scholarly titles to some 35,000 librarians and faculty.
National Academy of Sciences Member Joins College Faculty

University of Alabama alumnus Dr. Michael B.A. Oldstone, joined the Department of Biological Sciences. A leading expert on viral-immunobiology, Oldstone will be in residence for up to two weeks each semester to teach and consult with faculty.

Seth Panitch Opens Theatrical Doors In Cuba

In December, Panitch directed Shakespeare’s The Merchant of Venice by at the Sala Teatro Adolfo Llauradó in Havana, Cuba. According to the Cuban Ministry of Culture, it is the first time an American has directed a play in Cuba since 1959.
Congratulations

Four College Students Take 2009 UA Premier Awards

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award: Caroline Ball, math and premed major; Alex Flachsbart, political science major

Dr. Catherine J. Randall Award: Laura Godorecci, New College

John Fraser Ramsey Award: Dana Lewis, public relations and political science major

Gunn Selected 2008-2009 DAAD Young Ambassador

Lekisha Rachel Gunn, a double-major in German and economics, selected to encourage fellow students to study abroad. Last year, Gunn was a DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship (German Academic Exchange Service) recipient and studied at the University of Mannheim during the 2008 spring semester.
Congratulations

2009 Truman Scholar
Kendra Key,

political science major
New College environmental studies minor

• One of 60 juniors awarded Truman Scholarships nationwide from more than 600 applicants representing 300 institutions.

• Receives $30,000 scholarship for graduate school

• The University’s 12th Truman, the College’s eighth Truman
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Fine Arts Award
Brittany Young, dance major

Presented to 10 students annually and supported by CBC spouses. Includes $3,000 scholarship. Winners travel to Washington D.C. to perform at annual CBC Conference attended by 20,000.
Congratulations
Goldwater Scholars

• Kurt Barry, physics major
• Rebecca Long, chemistry major
## College Takes Six UA Graduate Student Awards

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*Thesis Chairperson: Dr. Wendy M. Rawlings*

*College of Arts and Sciences*
Dean’s Award of Merit
Seniors who have distinguished the College with national awards

- Caroline Ball - mathematics and premed
- Marcus Bishop - political science
- Steve Donaldson - history
- Alex Flachsbart - political sciences
- Laura Godorecci - New College
- Ava Kelley Grubbs - theatre
- Adam Knight - biological sciences
- Sara Kristin McDonald - history
- Hylan Elizabeth Noble - psychology
- Emily Patty - psychology
- Cody Smith - chemistry
Distinguished Undergraduate Scholars

Students with 4.0 grade point averages or better

- Jason Crowell - mathematics
- Jennifer Babin - modern languages and Classics, Spanish
- Ryan Gentry - biological sciences
- Timothy Lovorn - physics
- Vera Welch - Classics
2009 Alumni Student Award Recipients

Given by UA National Alumni Association and honor seniors who have excelled in academics and extracurricular activities, shown strength of character and maturity, and displayed exceptional hospitality toward guests and friends of the University.

- Alex Flachsbart, economics
- Sara Kristin McDonald, history, pre-law, admitted to UA Law School
Alumni Association
Outstanding Senior Awards

• Caroline A. Ball: mathematics major, minors in CBH, BUI, pre-med, admitted to several medical schools.
• Marcus Dewayne Bishop: political science major, pre-law, admitted to UA School of Law.
• Steven Bryce Donaldson: history major, minor BUI, pre-law, admitted to UA School of Law.
• Laura Alda Godorecci: New College and Classics double major, minor BUI, admitted to UA School of Law.
• Caroline Gwaltney: English minor, journalism major.

• Paul Hanninen: English major, creative writing minor
• Adam Knight: biological sciences major
• Hylan Elizabeth Noble: psychology major
• Cody Brian Smith: chemistry major, mathematics minor
The Power of A Liberal Arts Education

This video, which is available on the College’s website at www.as.ua.edu, was presented.
College Initiatives

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

• Faculty are combining active and collaborative learning techniques with
  – Wikis
  – Tegrity
  – WebCT/Blackboard
  – “Clickers”
  – Lab-based classes
  – “Second life” virtual classrooms

• College website reorganization
  – Headed by Russ McCutcheon, communication director of technical resources.
  – Top priority: web resources for department chairs
Diversity

- Supported the Paul R. Jones Lecture Series
- Supported diversity programs in several departments
- Sponsored Victoria Rowell’s visit to UA, “The Women Who Raised Me,” March 30, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Sellers Auditorium
- Supported the Black Faculty Staff Association in several of its initiatives
- Recruited minority graduate students at the 66th Joint Annual Meeting of Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society and the National Institute of Justice, March 2009
Undergraduate Programs

• Continued Enrollment Growth: Since Fall 2005, UA first-time freshman enrollment has increased 37%, the College’s enrollment increase is 56%
• Emerging Scholars Program
• Three New Living-Learning Communities (Arts, French House, Emerging Scholars)
• Successful Program of Freshman Learning Communities
• 7th McCollough Pre-Medical Scholars Forum
• Peer Advisor Program
• First Annual Majors Fair
• Program reviews: American Studies, Blount Undergraduate Initiative, Mathematics
• Exploratory Program
• May 2009 Graduation is largest in College’s history.
Advising and Teaching Initiative

- Pre-Professional Student Services Office created, currently housed in Wilson Hall, will be located in Lloyd Hall fall 2009
- Writing Center moves to expanded space in Lloyd Hall
- Strengthening Pre-Major Advising with Exploratory Program
- Implementation of new advising structure, spring and fall 2009
- Implementation of Degree Works
  - 2008-2010 catalog in summer 2009
  - 2006-2008 catalog in fall 2009
Undergraduate Programs

University–wide Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Poster or Oral Presentation Conference

April 13, 2009

• Received 136 abstracts (a 25 percent increase from 2008) from 21 departments or programs, 159 participants.
• Sixth year for College competition
• 24 faculty judges. Thank you!
• Supported undergrads to attend research conferences
Learner-Centered College Initiative

• Of the 158 faculty who participated in the University’s Active and Collaborative Learning Seminar presented by the Office of Academic Affairs, 67 (40 percent) were from the College.

• Of the 65 grants awarded from the seminar, 38 (58 percent) were from the College.

• Learner-Center Initiative hybrid workshops (class and web) coming summer 2009 for faculty and instructors
International Programs

UA/College of Arts and Sciences Semester in Cuba

College launches inaugural semester at University of Havana, spring 2009. Directed by Dr. Michael Schnepf, Department of Modern Languages and Classics.
International Programs

UA/College of Arts and Sciences Semester in China

College launches inaugural semester at Central University of Nationalities in Beijing fall 2009. Directed by Dr. Tony Clark, Department of History
Facilities

- Renovated Lloyd Hall and Science and Engineering Complex II opens this fall
- New College moves to Lloyd
- ISSR moves to 306 Bryant Drive
- Old Nursing building renovation underway for Center for Child and Family Research Center
- Swipe card access installing in all multimedia rooms in tenHoor
- Theatre receives utility space in B.B. Comer basement
- Plans underway to develop Biology Building for Department of Geography
- Planning begins for Geospatial Technology Center
2009-2010 Budget
2008-2009 Faculty Search Results to Date

• 32 Faculty searches underway
• 20 successful thus far
• “410 by 2010”
College Academies

• Academy to Improve Student Success
  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%.
Academy to Improve Student Success

CAISS
General Retention Problem: State of Alabama

- 100 9th graders
- 40 high school drop outs
- 60 high school graduates
- 24 do not go to college
- 36 college admissions
- 13 first year drop outs
- 64% 1st year retention statewide
- 86% UA retention (going for 90%)
- Nine fail to graduate within 6 years
  - 39% graduation rate statewide
- 63% UA (going for 75%)
- 14 Bachelor Degree recipients (14% of 9th graders)
Academy to Improve Student Success

- CAISS First Round Statistics
- Received: 12 proposals for $91,125
  - 3 Approved
  - 3 Supplemental Information Requested (subsequently approved)
  - 3 Invited to resubmit (none did)
  - 3 Denied
- Total Action: 6 proposals approved for $34,250
  - Low: $1,000
  - High: $10,800
- Second Round: Committee has not yet met (still has $65,750)
Academy to Improve Student Success

- http://www.as.ua.edu/faculty_and_staff/caiss/
- Funded Grants, First Round Deadline (abstracts)
- Information on March 4, 2009 Deadlines (watch this space!)
- Committee Division Chairs
- Capstone Poll: Non Returning Students, Reason Why
- Capstone Poll: Non Returning Students, Summary Report
- “Information on Students Not Retained”
Academy of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity

• Mission - to provide support for College faculty to achieve excellence in these areas
College Academy of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity

- Types of proposals
  - Conferences and faculty seminars
  - ‘Seed’ money to provide preliminary data for grant applications
  - Support for individual scholarly work (books, creative activities)

### Distribution of Applicants by Semester

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College Academy of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (cont.)

• Academy committee met 3/30/09 for Spring reviews
• Four proposals were funded
  – Andrea Cevasco: ‘The Effects of Music on Physiological Measurements of Older Adults with Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Related Dementias’ (Music)
  – Perry Churchill & Katrina Ramonell: ‘Biofuel Production from Algae’ (Biological Sciences)
  – Rainer Schad: ‘Solving the Mystery of Electromigration’ (Physics and Astronomy)
  – Patricia Parmelee, Rebecca Allen & Lynn Snow: ‘Building Community Partnerships for Research on Long-Term Care Quality’ (Psychology)
• Total = $50,739.00
College Academy of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (cont.)

- Next round of applications will be Fall, 2009
- Applicants from the Spring are encouraged to re-apply (note: 2 of the applicants funded this Spring re-applied from the Fall, 2008 round)
- Changes in the review process
  - In addition to overall rankings, the committee employed a set of ratings on criteria that emerged from the review process itself
  - Applicants will receive feedback detailing their ratings on those criteria, relative to the ratings of successful applicants
  - Should help in the revision process
Academy of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (cont.)

- Humanities/Fine Arts
  - Phil Beidler
  - Lucy Curzon
  - Susan Fleming
  - Chase Wrenn
- Social Sciences
  - John Beeler
  - Karl DeRouen
  - Priscilla Davis
  - Forrest Scogin
- Math/Natural Sciences
  - Bill Keel
  - Janis O’Donnell
  - Shane Street
  - Tavan Trent
Development

- Paul R. Jones Collection Advisory Board established
- The College has surpassed its goal of $27 million
- The capital campaign wraps up in June 2009
- Raised $29,239,528 as of February 2009
- Raised $5,288,823 since October 1st
Spring Development Events

- Inaugural community exhibition of works from the Paul R. Jones Collection of American Art and opening reception.
- Benefactor’s Dinner, March 6, record attendance of 235.
- Leadership Board meeting held March 7. Twenty five new members added so far this year.
- *Arty Party* fundraiser for fine and performing arts, April 4. Focus is on theatre program. Event benefits all five fine and performing arts programs.
- SummerTide Theatre, George C. Myers Theatre, Gulf Shores, Alabama: June 5-July 3 with *Godspell*

A video profile of the Paul R. Jones Collection was show.
Thank You Outgoing Chairs

• Bill Ulmer, Department of English
• John Vincent, Department of Chemistry
• Celia Lo, Department of Criminal Justice
• Kenny Lichstein, Department of Psychology
• Michael Mendle, Department of History
This is how college is meant to be

Thank you for coming