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C. Committee Reports:

1. Senator Osborne reported from the Academic Affairs Committee. Dr. Fernstrom has resigned as chair of the committee and Senator Osborne has agreed to serve as interim chair. The committee requested that two new members be appointed. The issue of the support of faculty to receive a terminal degree was discussed. There is a procedure for the distribution of research and development money. The only text in the handbook relating to university support for advanced degree concerns the time commitment. Dr. Garry Warren, Interim VPAA, reported that in the last few years, the money from unfilled faculty positions was used for this purpose. Senator Osborne stated that the handbook is at variance with what is being done. It is not clear what criteria is being applied. The policy is not well known so that people can apply. Two principles which need to be address are:
  - a. A specific requirement to show that completion of the advanced degree serves some need of the university.
  - b. A specified time requirement.
2. Dr. Craig Robertson reported from the Faculty Affairs Committee. The committee is working on the faculty assessment instrument. They are working on putting together a broad outline and hope to have it ready for the next senate meeting.
3. Senator Thorne reported that the Budget Review Committee has analyzed the information concerning the University Foundation and is ready to go back for more data. They hope to have a report for the next meeting.

D. The Strategic Planning and Budget Committee of the Shared Governance organization reported that they have learned that they must be very specific concerning asking for information. The flow of data is getting better.

E. The Search Committees for the Dean of the College of Education and the Dean of the College of Business reported that they are calling references and making telephone interviews.

F. The Search Committee for the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost reported that they may not make the August 1 deadline originally established.

G. President Makowski reported that the March 13 ACUFP meeting worked well in coordination with the Higher Education Day. There were speakers from the Four Year Presidents Representative, the Partnership from Higher Education, and ACHE. When the Higher Education information was presented to the House,

President Makowski asked to be present. Concerns were expressed that the legislators do not believe the people of Alabama value Higher Education.

President Makowski presented the State of Alabama Higher Education which was given to ACUFP March 13 to be given to the Faculty Senates for consideration. President Makowski needs comments on the draft by March 31. These comments will be assembled and submitted to ACUFP and forwarded to ACHE.

Senators VanRensselaer, Figueroa, and [redacted] were elected to the Nominating Committee.

C. [redacted] stated that he had a set of goals for the next year. [redacted] asked that the senate be thinking about issues and to convey them to a member of the Senate Executive Board.

A question was raised whether the senate was opposed to the edict to do away with out of state travel. They want a justification of the edict. Dr. Warren stated that as far as he was concerned, it was still available.