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Minutes of the November 10, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Present: Officers: Musick, Springer, Allison, Rogers

Senators
(Elected): Goodstein, Graham, Redfern, Brady,
Freund, Holyfield, James, Knowles, Lieber,
Neuse, Peven, Ricker, Schroeder,
McKinnon, Denny, Fort, Lyle, Dennis, Hall,
Myers, Bailey, Buono, Caldwell, Cordes,
Curington, Gay, Hanlin, King, Kral, R. Lee,
Roland, Rom, Striffler, Taylor, Ziegler

Senators
(Admin.): Bennett, Buono

Absent: Senators Daniels, Johnson, Oliver, Brewer, Hoffman,
(Elected): W. Lee, White, Neighbors, Killenbeck,
Schmitt

Senators Dutton, Geren, Loewer, Moberly, Scifres,
(Admin.): Stegman, White, Williams, Woods, Young

- I. Jerry Musick called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.
- II. Tim Kral moved to add under New Business an Early Grade Reports item to the agenda. It was seconded. *motion passed* It was moved and seconded to approve the amended Agenda *motion passes*.
- III. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 10/13/99 with the corrections in Item IVC - that 93.9%(95) be changed to the correct value of 73.9%(94), *motion passes*.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Doug Adams reported on the elections including the Campus Faculty, Faculty Senate, and P&T Committee positions. Recapping the election, the first electronic variation (have ballot on the web that is printed out and a general flyer announcing the web address) was done due to expediency. The run off election process was done in the fashion of previous years after the dissemination of the information of the web-based process (flyer) was in question. A recommendation for the next election (for the Spring 2000), is to stick to the prior years balloting procedure with mailed ballots.

The election results are as follows:

Campus Faculty Chair: John E. King

Campus Faculty Vice-Chair: Buddy Babcock

Committee On Appointment, Promotion And
Tenure:

Curt Rom,; Steven Neuse, Ro DiBrezzo, Kathleen
Barta,

At-Large Members Of The Faculty Senate: Mary
Beth Caldwell, Wally Cordes, David E. Gay,
Catherine Roland, Bill Curington, Steve Striffler,
Richard Lee, Todd Hanlin.

- B. Retention Task Force - Postponed until the next
meeting (Charles Adams is out of town)
- C. Fringe Benefits Committee - Roy Neyman spoke to
two items of interest: Solvency of QualChoice and
health benefit changes. For the former, a \$9 million
influx of funds from stockholders is keeping
QualChoice solvent. For the latter, after seeing an
increasing dip in the reserve funds, President Sugg
called for immediate action. This includes: A)
increasing employers contributions by 10%; B)
each campus paying off the current deficit over the
next 12 months and C) increasing employee's
premiums in January 2000. Amounts of this
increase are not official at this time. Graham Gillis
will be on campus next week to address some of
these questions. During the discussion, David Gay
added that our contribution to the deficit would be
based on our university's contribution to the pool,
which is less than UAMS. Phil Taylor discussed
the idea of going out for bids for an alternate
provider since QualChoice is a for profit
organization. A discussion of reasons for the
current deficit alluded to a number of catastrophic
problems including chronic disease, premature
babies, etc.

V. Old Business

Election of Representatives to the Faculty Senate
Executive Committee. The following were elected
to the FS Executive Committee: Gay, Ricker,
Taylor, Caldwell, and Kral

VI. New Business

- A. Consent Agenda. Items 990-38 through 990-45, were
moved and seconded. *motion passes*

Undergraduate Courses and Programs

Item 990-38: Course Revision - AGE 3303

Graduate Courses and Programs-

Item 990-39: Course Revision - PLPA 5603

Item 990-40: Course Revision - PLPA 6193

Item 990-41: Course Revision - PLPA 6203

Item 990-42: Course Revision - PLPA 6603 (changed from 5942)

Item 990-43: Course Revision - ELEG 5613

Item 990-44: Program Revision - M.S. in Agricultural Economics

Item 990-45: Program Revision - Ph.D. in Public Policy, Transportation Specialization

- B. For the Faculty Athletic Committee, Michael Buono moved for the approval of the Brandon Burlsworth Scholar/Athlete Award. The Athletic Committee will review all applicants and choose the best male and female athlete that best matched the ideals that Brandon Burlsworth represented. This is not a monetary award. These awards will be presented starting at the next convocation. During the discussion, concern over what materials were to be reviewed for each applicant was expressed and that the committee should draw up guidelines. *motion passes*
- C. It was moved and seconded to discontinue the early grade report process. Jerry Musick pointed out that this was not presented at least 24 hours prior to this meeting so this item will move as the first item of old business in the next meeting. It was moved and seconded to suspend the rules. *motion failed*
- D. After non-voting members of the Faculty Senate were dismissed, Susan Mayes presented the names recommended from the Honorary Degree Committee. A vote was taken for recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The vote will be reported to the Chancellor by the committee chair.

VII. Announcement/Information

None

VIII. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 4:43. - *motion passes.*

Jerry Musick, Chair;

Neil Allison,
Secretary.

Minutes approved:
12/8/99

