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- Present:** Officers: King, Babcock, Allison, Rogers
Senators Graham, Redfern, Warnock, Wolf, Brady, Cochran, Freund,
(Elected): Gupta, Holyfield, James, Kennedy, Lieber, MacRae, Neuse,
Ricker, Schroeder, White, Denny, Farley, Lyle, Neighbors,
Dennis, Hall, Nutter, Killenbeck, Bailey, Cordes, Curington,
Gay, Hanlin, Dale Johnson, Kral, R. Lee, Norwood, Springer
Senators
(Admin.): Smith, Williams, Geren, Henderson Allen
- Absent:** Officers: None
Senators Wall, Don Johnson, Oliver, Knowles, Peven, W. Lee,
(Elected): McKinnon, Caldwell, Musick, Roland,
Senators White, Weidemann, Shannon, Woods, Dutton, Hunt, Loewer,
(Admin.): Moberly

John King called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

- I. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda motion passes
- II. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 11/8/2000 motion passes
- III. Old Business
 - A. Proposal for MWF Classes to start at 8:00AM. Joel Freund stated that student attendance might improve if the MWF classes started at 8:00AM instead of 7:30AM. During discussion it was noted that the change of times should be specified, i.e. a class that now starts at 8:30 class would start at 9:00 under the new system, not 8:00. It was moved and seconded to refer this to the Calendar Committee for further study. It was moved to amend this motion to have the Calendar Committee report their study at the next meeting. The amendment motion passes. Motion to refer this to the Calendar committee passes.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Moved and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda ö Undergraduate Courses. motion passes.
 - B. Moved and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda ö Graduate Courses. motion passes.
 - C. Moved and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda ö Undergraduate Courses (one additional item). motion passes.
 - D. Graduate Council Proposals ö Came to FS approved and moved by the graduate council. Both of these policies will take effect in Fall 2001.
 1. Grades of "D" not allowed to fulfill graduate degree requirements. The current policy allows a "D" grade to count thus this would change. **motion passes**
 2. Minimum grade point for a PhD raised to 3.0. Currently a 2.85 GPA is acceptable for a PhD. This change is for graded course work. **motion passes**
 - E. Name Change ö Walton College. Doyle Williams stated that the faculty of the college unit supports the following desired simplicity changes to the following titles:
 1. It was moved that the name Sam M. Walton College of Business Administration be changed to the Sam M. Walton College of Business. motion passes.
 2. It was moved to change the name of the Business Administration Building to the Business Building. motion passes.
 3. It was moved to change the Department of Computer Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis to the Department of Information Systems. motion passes
 - F. Inclement Weather Resolution. Michael Lieber. Professor's Lieber and Gupta drafted this resolution from concern of the safety of students, faculty, and staff. During discussion it was pointed out that the "and" in the last sentence be changed to "or". There was not objection to this change. It was moved and seconded to accept this resolution. motion passes
 - G. Resolution of Support for John Locke Memory Garden. Representatives were not in attendance to this meeting. John King stated that this resolution

was in support of a student driven idea for a "memory garden" in front of Kimple. This was tabled until the next meeting.

- H. Walton College Personnel Document. The principle changes in this document incorporate the changes that are in the CAPT document that the Faculty Senate adopted in Fall 2000. It was moved and seconded to adopt this document. ***motion passes***
- V. Reports
 - A. Report from Legal Counsel on the Immunity from Tort Action Status of the University - Scott Varady discussed, with a disclaimer, the laws that are important when deciding whether an individual that works for the state can be sued and under what circumstances the university would mount a defense for this individual. The main statutes/laws were: State Law of Immunities, Public Official Immunity Statute, Federal Law of Immunities, and Act 1983. A new case that the Supreme Court is currently reviewing, Garrett vs. Georgia should make the laws clearer.
 - B. Proposed Intellectual Property Changes. Geren. The policy with changes is not yet in hand. However, the changes will address materials developed for distance education. The current policy is available in the faculty handbook.
- VI. Honorary Degree Committee Nominations. Nominations were brought to the Faculty Senate.
- VII. Moved and seconded to adjourn at 4:55 - ***motion passes.***
John King, Chair; Neil Allison, Secretary.

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Under IVC:

Honors Program Requirements Changes for the Walton College

Current: Admission will be offered to incoming freshmen with an ACT of 28 or higher and a high school GPA of 3.50. Continuing students are eligible to apply to the program if they have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher. Students are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 to remain in the program.

Proposed: "Admission will be offered to incoming freshmen with an ACT of 28 or higher and a high school GPA of 3.75. Continuing students are eligible to apply to the program if they have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher. Students are required to maintain a GPA of 3.50 to remain in the program.

IVF:

RESOLUTION

The Faculty Senate wishes to express its deep concern for the safety of our students, faculty and staff during periods of inclement weather such as occurred during the snow/ice storm of mid-December. While Physical Plant devoted some effort to clearing parking lots, very little was done to clear pedestrian paths. Some of these, especially stairways, ramps and other sloping areas remained extremely slippery and hazardous three and four days after the storm, even though the University had re-opened, and we fear that serious injuries could result if more attention is not paid to these areas. We therefore strongly urge the Administration to implement improved procedures to ensure the campus safety when classes are in session and offices are open.