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Minutes of the March 14, 2001 Faculty Senate Meeting

| Present: | Officers: | King, Babcock, Allison, Rogers |
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| | Senators | Wall, Graham, Oliver, Redfern, Warnock, Wolf, Brady, Cochran, Freund, |
| | (Elected): | James, Kennedy, Lieber, MacRae, Ricker, White, Farley, Lyle, Neighbors, |
| | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | Dennis, Killenbeck, Bailey, Cordes, Curington, Gay, Hanlin, Dale Johnson, |
| | | Kral, R. Lee, Musick, Norwood, Roland, Springer |
| | Senators | |
| | (Admin.): | Smith, Williams, Geren |
| Absent: | Officers: | none |
| | Senators | Don Johnson, Gupta, Holyfield, Knowles, Neuse, Peven, Schroeder, W. Lee, |
| | (Elected): | McKinnon, Denny, Hall, Nutter, Caldwell |
| | Senators | White, Weidemann, Shannon, Woods, Dutton, Hunt, Loewer, Moberly, |
| | (Admin.): | Henderson Allen |
| John King called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. | | |

- I. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda motion passes
- II. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 2/14/2001 motion passes
- III. New Business
 - A. <u>Moved and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda ö Undergraduate Courses</u>. This included the <u>February Undergraduate</u> that were delivered in a timely fashion. The <u>March</u> <u>Undergraduate courses</u> were received on March 14. The rules were suspended to accept these Undergraduate Courses as well as the February Undergraduate Courses. *motion passes*.
 - B. <u>Moved and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda ö Graduate Courses</u>. *motion passes*.
 - C. <u>Moved and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda ö Graduate Programs Changes</u>. *motion passes*.
 - 1. Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness
 - 2. Horticultural (Changes and New Option)

D. Report ö Admissions Data F1999 and F2000 ö Arlene Cash

A <u>handout</u> detailing the current admissions policyâs impact on the success of students was

given and discussed.Ê A summary of 1st year, 1st time students entering in the Fall 1999 and 2000 was discussed.

Fall 1999 started automatic admission policy for students with 3.0 GPA or 20 ACT with 16 high school core courses.Ê Examples of administrative review (AR) admit included students with a poor sophomore high school year but good junior and senior year performances.Ê The special enrollment program (SEP) was in place for selected students to enroll as non-degree seeking for 12 hours.Ê If these were performed with >=2.5 GPA then they were admitted as degree seeking students.Ê The college SP00 GPA of AR students (for the FALL 1999 admits) being higher than that of the automatic admits with 3.0 or 20 ACT was discussed.Ê This was attributed to the AR students having progressively better grades in high school, higher motivation to do well since not automatically admitted, and/or good selection by the committee.

Fall 2000 started automatic admission policy for students with 3.0 GPA and 20 ACT with 16 high school core courses.Ê The AR students included the group of 3.0 or 20 ACT with 16 core high school courses.

For Fall 2001 no data yet.Ê The 3.0 GPA + 20ACT + 16 core still in place.Ê Of the AR group, two subgroups: 1) 2.25 GPA + 20 ACT + 16 core and 2) 3.0 GPA + 18 ACT + 16 core, were admitted before Chancellor review.Ê Two other subgroups 1) 2.9GPA + 19 ACT + 16 core and 2) 3.0 GPA + 20 ACT + 15 core were Chancellor reviewed.Ê Classes that were deferred were >3.0 GPA + 3 ACT sub scores with <19 and <2.0 GPA + <20 ACT

A motion to adopt the Semi-Annual Admission Data Reporting was brought seconded from the <u>FS Executive Committee</u>.Ê This motion requires the Dean of Enrollment Services to report admissions statistics in a consistent format twice yearly, once in September and again in March.ÊÊ <u>The motion was amended to move the September report to October</u> in order to give Admissions more time to process data. (The amended motion is appended below).

The amended motion passes.

- IV. Reports & Announcements
 - A. Campus Policy changes on tobacco use.

It was reported that the Chancellor initiated a study of a change in tobacco use policy after students, parents and staff approached him regarding tobacco use on campus.Ê This study resulted in the policy that will be adopted July 1, 2001.Ê Some discussion centered on how

this policy would be enforced.Ê Any feedback concerning this would be appreciated.Ê If there are questions or feedback regarding this policy then email Susan Rausch at <u>strausch@uark.edu</u>.

- B. Other announcements: recruitment of senators in A&S is needed, deadline March 30.Ê Tort Liability: Ad hoc committee with Musick, Graham, Kennedy, and Chauncy Brummer.
 President Sugg will speak later concerning the acquisition of other campuses in the UofA system.
- V. <u>Moved and seconded to adjourn at 4:45</u> *motion passes*.
 - John King, Chair; Neil Allison, Secretary.

Minutes approved: 4/18/01

Consent Agenda Items:

<u>Consent Agenda 1, Consent Agenda 2, Consent Agenda 3, Consent Agenda 4,</u> <u>Consent Agenda 5, Consent Agenda 6</u>

Motion For Semi-Annual Admission Data Reporting

The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas has given the Faculty Senate sole jurisdiction over admissions requirements; transfer of credits; withdrawals; academic honesty; scholastic probation, suspension, and dismissal; curriculum and courses; degrees and requirements for degrees; and the awarding of academic honors among other items. The Faculty Senate takes this responsibility seriously and well it should. It is for this reason, the Faculty Senate appreciates the Dean of Enrollment Services providing the definitive and detailed tracking report of each Fall term cohort of students since the admission policy changes of 1998.

The Faculty Senate also appreciates the enormous task of balancing academic standards, budget and financial constraints and special needs of special programs. However, faculty concerns do exist and have been expressed concerning the trend towards significantly greater number of administrative admits, automatic admittance criteria within the administrative admits, and the practice of admitting of some traditional students as non-degree seeking students.

In order to facilitate the execution of Faculty Senate responsibilities, the Executive Committee of the Facially Senate moves that the Dean of Enrollment shall report admissions- statistics and student retention data on a semester basis at the October and March Faculty Senate meetings each year. This report shall be in essentially the same format each time thereby providing chronological continuity and a consistent data base upon which the Faculty Senate may formulate rational admissions policy legislation in a timely manner so as to properly impact admissions criteria for each Fall enrollment cohort.

This report shall include, as a minimum, information on the cohorts by admittance category number, retention number and percent, average high school GPA, average ACT (or equivalent) average high school core units, and U of A average GPA.Ê Also the number of students who applied for admission will be reported.