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Present:	Officers:	Watkins, Lyle, Allison, Rogers
	Senators	Wall, Redfern, Rom, Rosenkrans, Allison, Brady, Cochran, Freund, Gupta,
	(Elected):	Dale Johnson, Kennedy, Lieber, MacRae, Schroeder, Denny, Farley, Park,
	. ,	Stegman, Dennis, Martin, Killenbeck, Salisbury, Etges, Fort, Gay, King, Kral, Miller, Musick,
	Senators	
	(Admin.):	Weidemann, Shannon, Williams, Geren
Absent:	Officers:	none
	Senators	Don Johnson, Wardlow, Warnock, Amason, Chappell, Ryan, Magalene
	(Elected):	Taylor, Lee, Phillip Taylor, White, Hall, Nutter, Holyfield, Norwood, Schmidt, Springer
	Senators (Admin.):	White, Smith, Woods, Dutton, Hunt, Loewer, Moberly, Henderson Allen

Patsy Watkins called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.Ê She commented on the value of service and thanked the FS members for serving.Ê Leadership positions this year include Buddy Lyle (Vice Chair of Faculty Senate), Dennis Brewer (Chair of Campus Faculty) and Tom Jensen (Vice Chair of Campus Faculty).

- I. Without objection it was moved and seconded to approve the agenda
- II. Without objection it was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 5/9/2001 with spelling corrections
- III. Reports and Announcements
 - A. Enrollment Report, Arlene Cash, dean of enrollment, presented the annual fall report on enrollment and retention.Ê She distributed a handout regarding the performance of entering freshman classes from 1999 ö 2001.Ê A copy of this is posted on the web: <u>http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/AgendaMinutes/2001-</u> 2002/2001Oct/PerformanceReviewArleneCash.pdf.

The new standards for automatic admission of students were partially implemented first in 1999 with students having either a 3.0 or 20 ACT with 16 core courses or most of the core.Ê For 2000 and 2001, the standards of 3.0 and 20 ACT and 16 core were fully implemented.Ê The following categories were used for the fall 1999 Freshman report: Total Automatic Admissions [Total AD], Administrative Review [AR], and Special Enrollment Program [SEP].Ê The fall 2000 Freshman categories were the same as for 1999 with the addition of one new category, Summer Program [SP].Ê The fall 2001 categories are the same as for 2000 with the addition of one new category, Special Pre-enrollment Program [SPEP].Ê Examples of 2000 year AR students included those with high school records with 16 core and (a) at least 2.25 GPA with at least 20 ACT, (b) at least 3.0 GPA and at least 18 GPA, and (c) at least 2.9 GPA with at least 19 ACT.Ê Other Administrative Review students were home schooled, or from other unaccredited high schools, orÊ were GED students.Ê The SP students are admitted to the UAF summer session as degree -seeking.Ê The SEP students enroll initially as non-degree seeking students at the UAF and must take courses to fill any deficiencies.ÊÊ The SPEP students must enroll in UAF in summer and achieve a GPA which is greater than or equal to 2.5.Ê They must then enroll in the fall and receive at least 2.5 GPA

on 12 credits.Ê At this time they can then be classified as degree seeking.
B. Transfer of "D" grades. David Paul, chair of the committee on Admissions and Transfer of Credit, distributed a handout which is posted on the web at:
http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/AgendaMinutes/2001-

2002/2001Oct/AdmissionsTransferCredit.pdf.

David Paul reported for the Faculty Committee on Admissions and Transfer of Credit committee [FCATC].Ê This committee reviews applicants who fall short of the admissions guidelines.Ê

The applicants who are reviewed by the committee are those who petition for admission after being turned down by the admissions staff. \hat{E} These files then come to this committee. \hat{E} After review by FCATC the files go to the administration admissionas personnel (Arlene Cash and the Chancelloras committee). \hat{E}

The FCATC reviewed 274 files in 4 meetings from March-May 2001.Ê The FCATC recommended deferring 44% of the total cases. 56% of the applicants were recommended as admits or conditional admits.Ê The administration disagreed with the FCATC recommendations in 40% of the total cases and agreed with the other 60%.Ê In the cases where there is disagreement, the FCATC committee is overruled and the applicant is

admitted.Ê The FCATC does notÊ know the breakdown into categories (e.g., the recommend admit or deferred) of the 40% of disagreements.Ê

Transfer students undergo two levels of review,Ê first by the admissions staff and then by the FCATC. The FCATC have final decision regarding admits for transfer students.Ê Only a few applicants fit into this category.Ê According to our catalog, we do not accept "D" transfer grades.Ê On February 15, Provost Smith suggested a policy, found on page 2 of the handoutÊ (note: two numbers were incorrect and these are corrected by hand) that the committee should follow.Ê Page 3 of the handout listed schools which allowed "D" transfer grades (no total number of "D" hours were given).Ê The committee did not approve the policy.Ê David Paul noted that transfer students are accepted who do not meet the university criteria.Ê Also, in rare cases the committee has accepted some students with a transfer of a "D" grade.Ê He offered the example of a band director who needed a "D" grade transferred in Algebra.Ê This was accepted by FCATC since the "D" grade was made approximately 20 years ago.Ê However, even if FCATC accepts the "D" grade,Ê the college can accept or deny the grade as well.Ê

During Q&A it was pointed out that 6 SEC universities accept a "D" grade, 6 SEC universities do not.Ê The question was asked, "Does the committee get to review all 'D' transfer grades?"Ê The answer was yes.Ê It was pointed out that "D" grades were acceptable in the very few older applicants who perhaps scored a "D" grade many years ago.Ê However, for a younger student, a "D" transfer grade is notÊ automatically approved.Ê It was pointed out that the FCATC thought that the Provostâs suggested guidelines were just for their use as operational guidelines and were not suggested for catalog copy. Ê Concern was expressed that accepting "D" grades does not correspond to the catalog.Ê It was pointed out that the Provost did not bring forth any studentsa names at the same time the guidelines were suggested; however, there had been a controversial case the previous semester.Ê Jerry Musick stated that the Faculty Senate has sole jurisdiction over admission policy. È It was suggested that the FCATC talk to the people who would like changes, i.e. for example, representatives from the athletic department. The FCATC was asked to report to the Faculty Senate with some suggestion of guidelines which the Senate can consider.Ê It was pointed out by Nancy Talburt that historically, the Faculty Senate has had the right to make decisions regarding these matters.

- IV. Old Business
 - None
- V. New Business
 - A. Consent Agenda.

Annual Graduate Student Academic Review proposal (approved by Graduate Council) (see Graduate Council website, September minutes for copy of this proposal)

Graduate Council Curriculum Report (approved by Graduate Council 09/20/01) ARSC History, Hist 4493 - Add New Course ARSE Geosciences, GEOS 4733 - Add New Course ENGR Civil Engineering, CVEG 4420L - Add New Course

Course listing and curriculum change forms (approved by Undergraduate Course Committee 09/11/01) (Same as above)

Undergraduate Programs Committee New Program Minor in Global Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences Course Requirements Change BADM 310V Cooperative Education It was moved and seconded to accept the consent agenda. *motion passes*

B. Increase in HPER fees (see Senate website; meetings, agenda, minutes).Ê A memorandum from Craig Edmonston was posted with the agenda at: http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/AgendaMinutes/2001-2002/2001Oct/HPER.pdf.Ê It was moved and seconded to reject the increase in HPER fees.Ê Floor privileges were granted for Craig Edmonston.Ê An increase in HPER fees was suggested with 15 points of justification.Ê Concern over the increase of fees was raised.Ê In particular, it was pointed out that no information was provided regarding overall costs for the facility vs. the suggested increase.Ê Item 8 was questioned:Ê Why does the increase protect the availability of the facility?Ê It was also noted that this increase would not be in alignment with policies for preventative health care.Ê It was also suggested that this increase would result in a lowering of faculty participation (and revenue) and that perhaps the price should be lowered.ÊÊ *motion unanimously passes*

- C. Election of Senators to Executive Committee.Ê The following senators were elected to the Executive Committee: Jerry Musick, Raj Gupta, David Gay, Joel Freund, and John Ryan.
- D. Election of Senators to Campus Council.Ê Ballots were passed out and collected.Ê The senators that were elected to the CC are as follows: Neil Allison, Allan Cochran, Inza Fort, Joel Freund, David Gay, Tom Kennedy, John King, Tim Kral, Michael Lieber, Suzanne MacRae, Jerry Musick, John Norwood, Curt Rom, Lutishoor Salisbury, Bill Springer, and Phillip Taylor.Ê The following members were elected to the CC Agenda Committee Allan Cochran, Joel Freund, David Gay, John King, Suzanne MacRae, and Curt Rom.
- VII Announcements/Information

None

VIII. <u>Moved and seconded to adjourn at 4:48</u> - *motion passes*.

Patsy Watkins, Chair;

Neil Allison, Secretary.

Minutes approved: 11/14/01