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

I. Buddy Lyle called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda.

Jerry Musick requested that an Admissions and Transfer of Credit item be added to Old Business. Without objection this was added to the agenda.

Dennis Brewer requested that an Enrollment and Employee Benefits item be added to New Business. Without objection this was added to the agenda. Without objection the amended agenda was approved.

III. **Without objection it was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 10/17/2001 with the addition of unanimous added to the vote in V.B.**

IV. Old Business

Jerry Musick presented a [handout](#) that delineated the 2001-2002 Undergraduate Catalog's denial or acceptance of transfer of "D" grades (page 17, column 1, item 3; page 15, column 2, starting the last paragraph, second sentence) and the charge by the Faculty Senate to the Admissions and Transfer Credit Committee ("Responsible for recommending policies on admissions and transfer of credits and serving as an appellate board for individual petitions for variances"). Musick referred to ATC report (presented in October by ATC chair David Paul), which stated that the Provost gave the committee guidelines that suggested how variances are to be handled. Musick stated that the Provost's suggestions cannot be taken as policy without Faculty Senate approval. Furthermore, such guidelines must apply to all students, not just a select few.

During Q&A: Joel Freund stated that if a unit (college or school) within the university has a policy that it will not accept "D" grades then this takes precedent. Tim Kral stated that if the ATC Committee has sole authority over this then when the Administrative Review Board overturns ATC Committee recommendations this is in violation of the policy.

This report was accepted by the FS without objection.

V. New Business

A. Items approved by the Graduate Council

1. [Academic Probation Policy for Graduate Students](#)

(approved on 10/25/01) (see Senate web page)

2. [Graduate student eligibility for financial aid Policy](#)

(approved on 10/25/01) (see Senate web page)

3. Program Changes in the Master of Transportation and Logistics Management (approved on 10/25/01) (limited copies will be available at the meeting)

4. Course listing and curriculum change

(approved by Graduate Council Curriculum Committee 10/25/01)

(limited copies will be available at the meeting)

Items approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

1. Course listing and curriculum changes (approved on 10/09/01)

(limited copies will be available at the meeting)

Item from Undergraduate Program Committee

1. Proposed Personal Financial Management as an area of concentration in the Finance major in the BSBA degree program

It was moved and seconded to accept the consent agenda.

Motion passes

B. [Undergraduate Grade Forgiveness Policy](#) (see Senate web page) Tom Jensen provided a

handout regarding the current Undergraduate Grade Forgiveness policy, pointing out its provision that grades of "C" or better are not eligible for forgiveness. Also the 9 hours of "grade forgiveness" only results in, on average, a 0.07 GPA difference for 124 hours needed for graduation. He recommended that any grade be allowed for grade forgiveness and that any number of courses (instead of two), within the 9-hour limit, be acceptable. During Q&A: Some concern was expressed over opening up the 9-hour rule to more than two courses. For instance, a student could grade renew up to 9 one-hour courses. It was stated that the history of this policy came about initially by requests from students to the Campus Council. After some debate the proposed policy was referred to the Academic Standards Committee, which designed the current policy. It was suggested that this policy be referred back to the Academic Standards committee to see if the policy is effective, and/or in need of adjustment to include higher than "D" grades and further tweaking of the 9-hour policy.

It was moved and seconded to refer this to the Academic Standards Committee for further study. *motion passes.*

- C. Fall Break. **It was moved to have an appropriate committee, possibly the Calendar Committee, explore the possibility of having a Monday and Tuesday fall break during mid-October.** John Ryan stated that the rationale for this is that many colleges do have a fall break including Houston, Rice, Cornell, Kansas, and Kansas State. This break is needed for the faculty.

During Q&A: Allen Cochran stated that Labor Day coming early in the semester is currently a problem and the addition of two days in mid-October would be a logistics problem. From this point of view, he would rather have the week of Thanksgiving off. **It was moved and seconded to amend the motion to include the charge of committee to look at the two day fall break and the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving.** Suzanne McRae stated that a mid-October break would be beneficial for the students. It would allow reflection by the students. ***The amendment to the motion fails.***

Further Q&A: It was stated that it was not clear what the committee would be studying or reporting to the Faculty Senate. Nancy Talburt stated that the committee would report on the consequences regarding the adoption of this policy. ***Motion to send this to a committee failed with a vote of 12 to 9.***

- D. [Resolution on Enrollment for Employee Benefits for Calendar Year 2002.](#)

Dennis Brewer expressed concern over the current enrollment for 2002 benefits. He noted the following issues: the early deadline date for signing up, the lack of any hard copy confirming what each individual was signing up for, and the overall "selling" of a cancer policy by salesmen from the company.

It was moved and seconded to suspend the rules in order to consider this resolution. *motion passes.*

It was moved and seconded to accept the resolution. *motion passes.*

During Q&A: Jerry Musick stated that the Staff Senate needs to be aware of the current problems. David Gay thought the marketers could be trying to over insure the faculty. Jerry Musick stated that it was apparent that salesmen were given some financial incentive to sign up people for the cancer policy. Michael Lieber stated that the Transamerican representatives are leaving on November 16.

It was suggested that this should be taken directly to Don Pederson and some notification should go out on the Daily Headlines.

- VI Announcements/Information

None

- VII. **Moved and seconded to adjourn at 4:23 - *motion passes.***

Patsy Watkins, Chair; Neil Allison, Secretary.

Minutes approved:
12/12/01