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## Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

Dennis Brewer, Chair

January 15, 2003, 3:30 p.m.

Linda Jones, Secretary

Engineering Hall, Room 209

Minutes Status: **Approved**

### Present

**Officers:** Brewer, Jensen, Jones, Rogers

**Senators (elected):** Allison, Curington, Denny, Fort, Freund, Gay, Hanlin, Kral, Lieber, MacRae, Martin, Nutter, Park, Riggs, Rom, Ryan, Rosenkrans, Rupe, Salisbury, Schmitt, Schroeder, Springer, P. Taylor, Wall, Wardlow, Warnock, Watkins, Wilson

**Senators (admin):** Geren, Schmitt, Smith, Williams

### Absent

**Senators (elected):** Amason, Brady, Chappell, Dennis, Etges, Hall, Holyfield, Johnson, Killenbeck, King, Lee, Miller, Murphy, Riha, Striffler, M. Taylor, Wailes,

**Senators (admin):** Allen, Bobbitt, Dutton, Greenwood, Moberly, Shannon, Weidemann, White

### I. Call to Order: Dennis Brewer, Chair

Dennis Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:32.

### II. Approval of Agenda

Without objection the agenda was approved.

### III. Approval of Minutes: November 20, 2002

<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/fsminutes112002.html>

Without objection the Minutes of 11/20/02 were approved.

### IV. Reports

#### A. Provost's Report

Provost Smith presented a report on the following themes:

- o **Promotion and Tenure** - The Provost reported that 53 cases are up for review. The meeting with the various Deans was complete as of 1/14/03. Letters are being prepared for distribution on the 17th of January.
- o **Federal Initiatives** - Van Scoyoc Associates visited with the University on 12/12/02. During their visit, they discussed and reviewed proposals for initiatives to seek funding. Funding has been approved for two projects - the Logistics Institute, and Nanoscience which is being managed by Collis Geren. The University is currently in the process of indentifying initiatives for FY04. 10 to 12 initiatives per year are desired.
- o **Diversity Task Force** - This task force has been in place since January 2000. A formal report on surveys of faculty, students and staff will be released on 1/22/03. This document will report on the climate of our campus, what we are doing and what we can do to address diversity.
- o **University & Distinguished Professor Appointment Policy** - Proposals have been made for University and Distinguished Professor appointments. The Provost encouraged us to think of these as honorific titles rather than promotion titles where you would need a lengthy review procedure in order to award such a title to an individual. Discussions are continuing in this area and it is hoped that standards or guidelines for such positions will be in place by this fall.
- o **Inclement Weather Policy** - The Provost reminded us that the inclement weather policy is for staff, not for faculty and students; faculty must inform students when they cannot meet their classes. The policy is currently under review and the University does continue to maintain an option of closing when poor weather is present. The Provost added that faculty must figure out a way to communicate with students when they are unable to meet class due to weather issues - an email list or a voice mail phone message for example. Any

discussion of communication with students in light of inclement weather conditions should be included in our syllabuses.

#### B. Campus Construction — Vice Chancellor Don Pederson

Several construction projects are underway or are in the works throughout our campus. The projects mentioned below are based on bonds funding:

##### **2001**

Renovation of Science Engineering and construction of addition to chiller	Ongoing
Renovation of University House	Completed
Construction of research building	Architect is working on the detailed design, ground not broken, contractor to be selected on the 29th of January
Construction of library offsite storage	Will build a building to the west of tennis courts and intramural fields - house library books
Various equipment	Some bond money has helped purchase some equipment
Printing Services equipment & building	Under construction - better service, more competitive price, five color press helps us to stay on campus more with our printing
Demolition of Fulbright Residence Hall	It's gone!
Bev Lewis Women's Athletic Complex	Under construction
Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium	Completed in terms of use of bonds money

##### **2002**

Northwest quadrant housing	Trying to break down student living into communities - no kitchen - but more private
Northwest quadrant dining	Serve several dorms in the future
South parking deck	A project to build one behind powerplant, physics, greenhouses - into the hillside - underground blasting - 2000 space parking deck
Student Health Center	Underway
Campus utility infrastructure	Rebuild one chiller unit, also move to meter buildings separately
HPER center improvements	Fitness center and work on some fields - underway
Various campus renovations	Small projects all over campus
Enhanced Learning Center	In basement of Gibson, academic affairs and student affairs - students will be able to receive extra help here - student retention is the goal
Center for Academic Excellence	Still looking for funding
Chemistry building renovations	Grant received for some work - look to renovate entire building seeking more funding

Student fees will pay off bonds over time - HPER and Student Health Center in particular. HPER is almost paid off but now it needs more work. Students agreed not to reduce the fee because the bond was paid off but instead were content to let funding continue for upgrades.

#### C. Student Mediation and Conflict Resolution - Sue Theiss

Sue talked with us about this new program that was established to provide early, impartial conflict resolution for students to students and students to faculty. They have two goals in mind - to provide service to those in need of mediation and resolution and to educate students and faculty. This program will do mediation work where appropriate and if needed may refer students to CAPS or to Affirmative Action. This office does not deal with critical issues such as those related to crimes. It is a confidential office located in the Student Union. Flyers were distributed at our meeting and all are invited to come and visit with them.

#### **V. Old Business**

There was no old business.

#### **VI. New Business**

##### A. Consent Agenda

1. Program Change Proposals Approved by the Graduate Council on 11/21/02:

[a. Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management](#)

[b. Master of Science in Agricultural and Extension Education](#)

[c. Master of Arts in Communication](#)

[d. Master of Science in Counseling](#)

[e. Master of Arts in Political Science](#)

[f. Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology](#)

2. New Policies Approved by the Graduate Council on 11/21/02

a. "Students who enter a graduate certificate program may use up to six hours of course work taken previously at the University of Arkansas to meet certificate requirements, with approval of the program faculty."

b. "Students who enter a graduate certificate program must complete all certificate requirements within six years of admission to the program."

3. Program Change Proposals Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 11/22/02:

[a. B.S.A. degree in Agricultural Business](#)

[b. B.S.A. degree in Crop Management](#)

[c. B.S.A. degree in Food Science](#)

[d. B.A. degree in Drama](#)

[e. B.A. degree in Political Science](#)

[f. B.S. degree in Public Administration](#)

4. [Program Change Proposals](#) Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 12/13/02

a. B.S. degree in Business Administration

b. B.S. degree in International Business

5. New Concentration Proposal Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 11/22/02: Addition of [Biophysics concentration to the Bachelor of Science degree in Physics](#).

6. Course Addition to State Minimum Core: [ANTH 1013/1011L](#)  
Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 12/13/02

7. Undergraduate Course Listings Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 11/22/02: [Table A](#)

8. Undergraduate Course Listings Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 12/13/02: [Table B](#)

9. Graduate Course Listings Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 10/25/02 and by the Graduate Council on 11/21/02: [Table B](#)

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Concerns were raised that no biology courses were present or required in the biophysics program (Item #5). This item was removed from the agenda so that a motion could be made and then discussion could follow. After a brief discussion, a motion to adopt the recommendation of the committee for Item #5 was made and passed by majority.

All other items on the Consent Agenda were adopted by unanimous consent.

B. Motion — Faculty Senate Executive Committee

The following motion was made and seconded by the Executive Committee.

The Faculty Senate of the University of Arkansas endorses the attached "[Call for a Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics](#)"

and authorizes its representatives to participate with faculty leaders from other Southeastern Athletic Conference universities in the reform process initiated by faculty governance leaders in the Big Ten Athletic Conference Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics.

A motion to adopt was accepted. Discussion followed and the motion was passed.

The SEC schools meeting will be held in Nashville in April. It is hoped that we will have four or five U of A faculty representatives attend this meeting. Dennis Brewer will seek funding to support those who do go.

#### **VII. Announcements**

We were reminded of the upcoming Distinguished Lecture Series - Tuesday, January 21st, James Earl Jones.

A faculty coffee room has been established at the University House from 7:00-9:00am on weekday mornings.

#### **VIII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37.