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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

Dennis Brewer, Chair

April 16, 2003, 3:30 p.m.

Linda Jones, Secretary

Engineering Hall, Room 209

Minutes Status: **Approved**

Present

Officers: Brewer, Jensen, Jones, Rogers

Senators (elected): Allison, Brady, Dennis, Denny, Etges, Fort, Freund, Hall, Hanlin, Holyfield, Johnson, Killenbeck, Kral, Lieber, MacRae, Martin, Miller, Murphy, Riggs, Rom, Ryan, Salisbury, Schmitt, Wailes, Warnock, Watkins

Senators (admin): Allen, Geren, Schmitt, Smith, Weidemann, Williams

Absent

Senators (elected): Amason, Chappell, Curington, Gay, King, Lee, Nutter, Park, Riha, Rosenkrans, Rupe, Schroeder, Springer, Striffler, M. Taylor, P. Taylor, Wall, Wardlow, Wilson

Senators (admin): Atkinson, Bobbitt, Dutton, Greenwood, Shannon, White

I. Call to Order: Dennis Brewer, Chair

Dennis Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:30.

II. Approval of Agenda

Item C under New Business was removed from the agenda. Amended agenda approved.

III. Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2003

<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/fsminutes31203.html>

Without objection the Minutes of 03/12/03 were approved.

IV. Reports

A. Provost report

The Provost reported on the following topics:

•Legislative Matters and Budgetary Challenges

The Provost feels comfortable that a budget will emerge before June 30th, though there are some concerns. We have already taken a 7 million dollar cut and were able to cover this with some reserve funds. A similar hit in the future could be much more difficult, however. Our campus continuously provides the legislature with information concerning our campus to assist in this process so as to support our faculty, staff and students.

A 2% reallocation is underworks to provide additional funds to core mission areas such as strategies to increase enrollment, for example.

•Promotion and Tenure Policy Revision

The Promotion and Tenure committee has worked to minimize bias in the solicitation of outside letters for tenure and promotion activities. The new policy, which invites the candidate to submit the names of 3 to 6 potential outside reviewers, will go before the Board of Trustees at their next meeting.

Policy: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/RevistoPerDoc.pdf>

There was some concern that the latest revision was not brought before the Faculty Senate. A motion was made and seconded to allow the latest revision to move forward to the Board of Trustees. Motion passed.

●Teaching Faculty Support

The Provost reminded us of the teaching support available to all faculty through the Wally Cordes Teaching and Faculty Support Center.

●Spring Presentations

The Provost briefly reviewed some of the many presentations and luncheons taking place across campus this Spring.

B. Emergency Preparedness – Larry Slamons

Chief Slamons reported on the development of a new Web page to inform the campus community of emergency preparedness at the U of A. The page will be made available later this week and they would like to receive feedback from the campus community on their new Web site. He also discussed the hierarchy of communication should any emergencies occur on campus. Information would be relayed from the Vice Chancellor offices down through the Dean and then Departmental offices.

C. Calendar Committee – Joel Freund

1. Report <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/calcomrep41603.pdf>
2. Calendar 2004 - 2009 - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/41603fiveyrca.pdf>

Dr. Freund reported that the motion to start MWF classes on the hour has been tabled for now. Also, the drop date will remain at the 10th week of classes. The committee is also reviewing a resolution from Student Government to no longer offer finals on Saturday. For now, there is no change in this policy. The new calendars have been adjusted to better accommodate the July 4th holiday in the summer so that the second summer session begins without too much disruption. Finally, the Wednesday holiday before Thanksgiving is only an academic holiday. The campus, however, remains open until Thursday, Thanksgiving.

The proposed calendar for 2004-2009 was adopted.

D. Enhanced Learning Center - Ainsley Carry

Mr. Carry reported on the development of the Enhanced Learning Center (ELC). The purpose of this center is to improve retention and graduation by 2010. Currently, our 6 year graduation rate is at 45.5%, the lowest in the SEC. The goal, by 2010, is to have a 66% graduation rate. The ELC will open in Fall 2003 in Gregson Hall. This center will serve all undergraduate students for free, in particular freshmen and sophomore students. Students will be able to receive tutoring and supplemental instruction, among other things, through this program. For more information, visit their Web site - <http://www.uark.edu/ua/elc>

V. Old Business

There was no old business.

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

1. Course change proposal:
 - a. Undergraduate: Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 3/28/03
<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/ugradstuff41603.pdf>
 - b. Dual: Approved by the Graduate Council on 3/13/03, Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 2/28/03
<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/dualstuff41603.pdf>
2. Program Change Proposals: Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 3/28/03
 - a. Proposal to offer the existing B.S.Ed. in Vocational Education, Human Resource Development concentration at two off-campus locations:
 1. University of Arkansas at Morrilton -
<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/VOEDMorrilton.pdf>
 2. Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas -

<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/VOEDCossotot.pdf>

All items on the Consent Agenda were adopted without objection

B. Election of Faculty Senate Vice Chair 2003-2004 – Dennis Brewer

Luti Salisbury was unanimously elected Faculty Senate Vice Chair for 2003-2004. Tom Kennedy, the current Campus Faculty Vice Chair, is retiring and will not be able to serve as Vice Chair during the upcoming year.

C. University of Arkansas Code and Creed - Aisha S. Kenner

Motion: "Publish the University of Arkansas Code and Creed in the Student Handbook." (Faculty Senate Executive Committee) <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/CCMEMO.pdf>

This item was removed from the agenda.

D. Code of Student Life Amendments – Aisha S. Kenner, All University Judiciary Committee

1. Final Code - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/Finalcode41603.pdf>

2. Amendments - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/amendments41603.pdf>

Amendments to the Code of Student Life were adopted.

VII. Announcements

Curt Rom discussed the removal of item C under New Business, the University of Arkansas Code and Creed. It was felt that this document needed additional faculty input. A student member of the committee did state that it will be further reviewed.

Dennis Brewer announced that we are in need of nominees for Chair of the Faculty. Please consider serving.

Next Faculty Senate meeting, May 7, 3:30.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43.