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## Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

Curt Rom, Chair

September 18, 2003, 3:30 p.m.

Linda Jones, Secretary

Engineering Hall, Room 209

Minutes Status: Approved

#### **Present**

Officers: Rom, Salisbury, Jones, Rogers

Senators (elected): Brady, Cantrell, Comfort, Curington, Deaton, Dennis, Denny, Elliott, Farley, Freund, Hanlin, Haydar, James, Killenbeck, King, Kopp, Kral, Lawson, MacRae, McGee, Murphy, Nutter, Popp, Riggs, Riha, Rosenkrans, Rupe, Sears, Wailes, Wall, Waller, Warnock, Watkins, Webb, Wilson

Senators (admin): Geren, Smith

#### Absent

Senators (elected): Allison, Cornell, Gay, Hall, Hughes, Matlock, Ryan, Springer, Striffler, Zajicek

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

## I. Call to Order: Curt Rom, Chair

Curt Rom called the meeting to order at 3:30.

## II. Approval of Agenda

Item A under Reports was moved to a later time in the meeting. Amended agenda approved.

# III. Approval of Minutes: May 7, 2003

http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/fsminutes50703.html

Without objection the Minutes of 05/07/03 were approved.

## IV. Reports

B. Academic Standards Committee – Plus/Minus Grading System (Darin Nutter) <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/acstandards91803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/acstandards91803.pdf</a>

A report was presented by Darin Nutter on the plus/minus grading system. A decision was made by this committee to not adopt this process at this time. Currently, colleges can adopt this process if they so choose.

## V. Old Business

Appeal of Chancellor's veto of revision to Campus Promotion and Tenure Policy (See Minutes for May 7, 2003 Faculty Senate Meeting for Background Information):

http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2002to2003/fsminutes50703.html

http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/JAW060303letter.pdf

A motion to appeal was presented to the Faculty Senate from the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate. The motion passed, 31 -

## VI. New Business

A. Election of Faculty Senate Agenda (Executive) Committee

The following individuals were elected to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee:

Patsy Watkins, Cheryl Murphy, Joel Freund, Timothy Kral and John King

B. Election of Faculty Representatives to Campus Council

The following individuals were elected to the Campus Council:

Charles Rosenkrans, Mary Warnock, Neil Allison, Joel Freund, Todd Hanlin, John King, Timothy Kral, Charles Riggs, Norm Dennis, Darin Nutter, William Curington, George Denny, David Gay, Suzanne MacRae, Bill Springer, Derek Sears

C. Motion to establish membership terms for the University Course and Programs Committee, applying only to those members who are nominated by the University Committee on Committees: The normal length of membership on the UCPC will be three years. However, for service during the 2003-04 year, each member will be randomly assigned to a one-, two-, or three-year term so as to stagger the times when experienced members leave the committee.

Motion Passed

#### D. Consent Agenda

Matters from University Course and Programs Committee and the Graduate Council

- 1. Course change proposals:
  - a. Undergraduate (Table A): Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 5/23/03 and 8/22/03. <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/tablea91803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/tablea91803.pdf</a>
  - b. Graduate (Table B): Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 4/25/03 and 5/23/03 and by the Graduate Council on 5/22/03 and 6/19/03 <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen/2003to2004/tableb91803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen/facsen/2003to2004/tableb91803.pdf</a>
  - c. Dual Credit Courses (Table C): Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 4/25/03 and 5/23/03 and by the Graduate Council on 5/22/03 and 6/19/03 <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen/2003to2004/tablec91803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen/facsen/2003to2004/tablec91803.pdf</a>
- 2. Policy proposal approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 5/23/03: Proposal to not implement the concurrent enrollment policy adopted by the faculty of the Walton College of Business in Fall 2002 (Attachment A). http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen/facsen/2003to2004/attacha91803.pdf
- 3. Policy proposal approved by the Graduate Council on 5/22/03: Proposed changes to the probation and dismissal policies of the Graduate School of Business (Attachment B). <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachb91803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachb91803.pdf</a>
- 4. Program change proposals approved by the Graduate Council on 5/22/03 and 6/19/03:
  - a. Proposed changes to the M.A.T. degree in Middle Level Education (Attachment C). http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachc91803.pdf
  - b. Proposal to merge two existing specializations in the Educational Specialist (Elementary Education/Reading and Secondary Education) into one specialization in Curriculum and Instruction (Attachment D). <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachd91803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachd91803.pdf</a>
  - c. Proposed changes to the Ph.D. degree in Plant Science (Attachment E). http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attache91803.pdf
- 5. Program proposal approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 5/23/03: Proposal to create a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture Studies (Attachment F). http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachf91803.pdf
- 6. Program proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 4/25/03 and by the Graduate Council on 5/22/03:
  - a. Proposed M.S. degree in Space and Planetary Sciences (Attachments G, 1 & 2)
    - Attachment G 1 <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachg191803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachg191803.pdf</a>
    - Attachment G 2 <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachg291803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachg291803.pdf</a>
  - b. Proposed Ph.D. degree in Space and Planetary Sciences (Attachments H, 1 & 2)
    - Attachment H 1 <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachh191803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachh191803.pdf</a>
    - Attachment H 2 <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachh291803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachh291803.pdf</a>

- c. Proposal to add a concentration in Space and Planetary Sciences to the M.A. degree in Geography (Attachment I and Attachment K)
  - Attachment I <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachi91803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachi91803.pdf</a>
  - Attachment K <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachk91803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachk91803.pdf</a>
- d. Proposal to add a concentration in Space and Planetary Sciences to the M.S. degree in Geology (Attachment J and Attachment K)
  - Attachment J <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachj91803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachj91803.pdf</a>
  - Attachment K http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachk91803.pdf
- e. Proposal to add a concentration in Space and Planetary Sciences to the Ph.D. in Biology (Attachment L and Attachment N)
  - Attacment L <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachl91803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachl91803.pdf</a>
  - Attachment N http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachn91803.pdf

f.Proposal to add a concentration in Space and Planetary Sciences to the Ph.D. in Physics (Attachment M and Attachment N).

- Attachment M <a href="http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachm91803.pdf">http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachm91803.pdf</a>
- Attachment N http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachn91803.pdf

Item 4A was removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration. A motion was made to send this item back to the Graduate Council for further review. Motion passed.

The remaining items on the consent agenda were adopted by unanimous consent.

#### Return to agenda item IV - Reports

## A. Provost Report

Provost Smith reported on the following topics:

- Excellence: Education, Research & Service Our campus has many very fine faculty who are demonstrating excellence in education, research and service.
- High Quality and Number of Students Some statistical information of note: Enrollment (1997 14,740 students; 2003 16,449 students); Entering GPA's (1997 3.40; 2003 3.60); Entering ACT's (1997 23.5; 2003 25.4); UG 6 year grad rate (1997 42%; 2003 48%); 3rd in SEC; 14th out of 45 schools in SEC, Big 10, Big 12 & Pac 10.
- Diversity Students, Faculty & Staff From 1997 2003, we have increased the minority student enrollment from 1,728 (11.7%) to 2,021 (12.3%).
- Resources Public & Private We are moving forward both publicly and privately.

## VII. Announcements

None

### VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.