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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

Curt Rom, Chair

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

Linda Jones, Secretary

Engineering Hall, Room 209

Minutes Status: **Approved**

Present

Officers: Rom, Jones, Rogers, Jensen, Riggs

Senators (elected): Allison, Cantrell, Comfort, Curington, Deaton, Denny, Farley, Freund, Gay, Hanlin, Hughes, James, Kopp, Kral, Lawson, MacRae, Murphy, Popp, Riggs, Rosenkrans, Rupe, Ryan, Sears, Waller, Warnock, Watkins, Webb

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

Absent

Officers: Salisbury

Senators (elected): Brady, Cornell, Dennis, Elliott, Hall, Haydar, Killenbeck, King, Matlock, McGee, Nutter, Riha, Springer, Striffler, Wailes, Wall, Wilson, Zajcek

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

I. Call to Order: Curt Rom, Chair

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

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to add the Faculty Senate Chair Report. With this change, the agenda was accepted by unanimous consent.

III. Approval of Minutes: September 18, 2003

The minutes of September 18, 2003 were approved.

<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/fsminutes91803.html>

IV. Reports

A. Faculty Senate Chair's Report

The Faculty Senate Chair reported on the following:

- 1) *The Chair has sent a letter of appeal to President Sugg regarding a motion concerning the revision to the Campus Promotion and Tenure Policy vetoed by the Chancellor. President Sugg has 30 days to respond. As of October 15, no response had been received.*
- 2) *The Chair has charged the Academic Standards Committee with the following four issues:*

- a. *Procedures for incomplete grades*
- b. *Grade change policies*
- c. *Definition of grades in our current grade scale*
- d. *Intent to enroll and administrative drops after first week of class*

- 3) *The administration review process is currently under review.*
- 4) *The Chair recently attended a joint meeting of the AAUP and the NCAA.*
- 5) *The Committee on Committees was unable to fill all the committee appointments required. Tom Jensen is working to fill in the open positions.*

B. Provost's Report

The Provost reported on the following items:

- 1) **Academic Citizenship** - *We are encouraged to serve on committees but to choose our service commitments wisely. We were also advised to be cautious with any hiring counter-offers or gamesmanship activities.*

2) **UA Museum** - The museum will close to the public on November 1, 2003. All specimens will be preserved through the Arkansas Archeological Survey. It is hoped that the University will have a chance to regroup and bring back a museum in the future. In the mean time, the current museum collections will still be available to faculty, students & staff.

3) **Legislative Presentation on Diversity** - Currently, a revision of the wording of the guidelines for the Silas Hunt scholarships is underway. In addition, the University continues to pursue avenues to increase diversity on campus. There is some evidence that minority totals have increased on campus:

Fall 1997 - 1,679 minority students enrolled

Fall 2003 - 2,340 minority students enrolled

The Graduate school has been helpful at recruiting more minority students to the U of A.

4) **Graduate Fellowships Update** - 115 doctoral academy fellows were awarded this fall along with 28 distinguished doctoral fellows. Faculty advisors recommend 99 doctoral academy fellows and 20 distinguished doctoral fellows for fall 04.

5) **SEC Provost Planning Group** - Provost Smith met with SEC Provosts (12) in Atlanta. This group is considering the development of an SEC Academic Consortium. They also plan to increase the publics' knowledge of the importance of academics in the SEC and are considering bringing in distinguished lecturers, offering various new study abroad strategies and student exchanges among other things.

C. Institutional Biosafety Committee Policy and Procedures Document (W. Roy Penney)

Requesting approval and blessing of FS to send two documents to the Provost - 1) Policy and Procedures Document and the 2) Biological Safety Manual.

Document 1: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/BSM101503.pdf>

Document 2: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/biodoc101503.pdf>

After discussion, a motion was passed to request that the Institutional Biosafety Committee reconsider and seek additional input and report back at the January Faculty Senate meeting.

D. Conflicts of Interest and Commitment Policy (Jeannine Durdik)

Dr. Durdik reported on the status of the Conflicts of Interest and Commitment Policy Report

V. New Business

1) Recommendation of Research Council (Jeannine Durdik)

Motion made to accept the Conflict of Interest Policy as presented in the Conflicts of Interest and Committee Policy Report. Motion passed and recommendation will be made to the Provost.

CIC Policy Recommendation: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/CICPolicy101503.pdf>

2) 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 9/26/03;
<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/tablea101503.pdf>

b. Law Courses (Table B): Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 9/26/03.
<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/tableb101503.pdf>

2. Program change proposals for the B.S. degree in Vocational Education, approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 9/26/03:

a. Designate Human Resource Development as a stand-alone concentration under Vocational Education, with its own class alpha code (HRDV) (Attachment A);

Attach. A1: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attacha1101503.pdf>

Attach. A2: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attacha2101503.pdf>

b. Add Professional and Technical Education (PTED) as a concentration under the Vocational Education (VOED) B.S. degree (Attachments B and C).

Attach. B: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachb101503.pdf>

Attach. C: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachc101503.pdf>

3. Proposed changes to the technical course requirements in the B.S. degree in Family and Consumer Sciences, approved by the

University Course and Programs Committee on 9/26/03 (Attachment D).

Attach. D: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachd101503.pdf>

The consent agenda passed by unanimous consent.

3) Proposal to require a \$30 graduation fee for students earning a graduate certificate, approved by the Graduate Council on 9/18/03.

As is the case with the graduation fee for master's degrees, the money collected will be used to defray the costs of maintaining the student's record, evaluating the student's course work, notifying the student of his/her status, doing verifications of completion, recording and reproducing the certificate on the transcript, and printing the certificate itself.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

VI. Announcements

Resolution recognizing Jim Scott - *Unanimous vote to support conveyance of this resolution to the University Board of Trustees*

Next meeting, Wednesday November 19th, location to be announced.

Any nominations for committee openings should be made to Tom Jensen as soon as possible.

Thank you to Dr. Brewer for technical support during today's meeting.

Thank you to the Executive Committee for getting all agenda items together.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.