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## Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting, November 19, 2003

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## Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

Curt Rom, Chair

November 19, 2003, 3:30 p.m.

Linda Jones, Secretary

BELL, Room 282

Minutes Status: **Approved**

### Present

**Officers:** Jensen, Jones, Riggs, Rogers, Salisbury

**Senators (elected):** Allison, Brady, Cantrell, Comfort, Deaton, Denny, Elliott, Freund, Gay, Hanlin, Haydar, Killenbeck, King, Kopp, Kral, Lawson, MacRae, McGee, Murphy, Popp, Riggs, Riha, Ryan, Sears, Wall, Waller, Warnock, Watkins, Wilson

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

### Absent

**Officers:** Rom

**Senators (elected):** Cornell, Curington, Dennis, Farley, Hall, Hughes, James, Matlock, Nutter, Rosenkrans, Rupe, Springer, Striffler, Wailes, Webb, Zajicek

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

### I. Call to Order: Luti Salisbury, Vice Chair

*Luti Salisbury called the meeting to order at 3:30.*

### II. Approval of Agenda

*The agenda was accepted by unanimous consent.*

### III. Approval of Minutes: October 15, 2003

*The minutes of October 15, 2003 were approved.*

<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/fsminutes101503.html>

### IV. Reports

#### A. Faculty Senate Chair's Report

*The Faculty Senate Vice-Chair reported on the following:*

*The Chair 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 was unable to respond in the required 30 days but will respond within the following 30 days.*

#### B. Provost's Report

*The Provost reported on the following items:*

**1. Report on 3rd Level Administrative Reviews** - This review process involves a committee comprised of the Chancellor, Provost, Chair of the Faculty Senate, Directors of Financial Aid and Admissions and the Associate Dean of the Honors College among others. The committee reviews student admissions. Nearly 80% are automatically admitted, 12% are administratively admitted, and 8% are admitted through other means.

**2. Administering the D rule** - The Administration would have preferred that it be in the hands of the faculty, not the Board of Trustees. Propose to use a committee much like the 3rd level administrative review committee. Considering adding faculty governance participation including the Chair of the Faculty Senate and the Chair of the Campus Faculty. Open for other faculty participation. The Provost does not intend to take more than 6 hours of D, a GPA of 2.0 is required, and transferred D's will be limited to electives and general education core courses, not the academic major. All transfer students will be treated equally.

**3. Arkansas Science & Math School** - This residential school in Hot Springs will be included in the UA system come January 1, 2004. The Provost expects to see an increase in collaborative opportunities.

#### **4. University policies:**

**Carry-Forward Policy** - Trying to work out finances in a way that we have less apparent carry-forward. Starting next fiscal year, we are asked to keep carry-forward down to 10%, then 8% the following year, then 5%.

**Leave Policy**- November 26, students get an extra day for Thanksgiving but the university is fully open. No classes but we are expected to be here.

**5. UA North Campus Planning** - Growth is tremendous in Northwest Arkansas but it is hard for folks in Benton County to come down and take courses. If we are to enhance the number of folks in Arkansas with BA's we need to give them more opportunities via NWACC and the U of A. An advisement committee will be formed with Dean Reed Greenwood and Becky Paneitz at NWACC.

#### **C. Student Travel Policy Report (Brian Hemphill)**

The purposes of the policy are to minimize the risk to students who travel, to increase awareness of student travel, to state the expectations, responsibilities and rights of students and faculty, and to minimize risks to the university. Why the change? Litigation issues at other universities. Our former policy was weak. This new policy includes a driver safety program (15 minute video), a travel insurance requirement, and the collection of emergency contact information. All areas of campus are covered under the travel policy, however graduate students are not part of this policy. Students must complete an "Authorization to Operate a Motor Vehicle" form and a "Notification of Student Travel Plans" form. This policy does not include travel in Washington and Benton Counties.

#### **D. Walton Doctoral Fellowships (Dean Geren)**

Dean Geren discussed the different doctoral fellowship programs available as well as the doctoral travel grant program. 71 fellowships have been award as a result of the Walton Doctoral Fellowship programs, endowed by the Walton Foundation. There is also up to \$1,000 of support for doctoral student travel with the student's department providing 10% of support. This year, \$150,000 has been committed thus far for student travel.

### **V. New Business**

#### **A. Admission and Transfer of Credit Committee resolution on "Smart Core" to enhance the preparedness of graduates from public high schools in Arkansas. (Buddy Babcock)**

Recognizing the critical importance of a solid education in high school, the Faculty Senate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville endorses the proposal of the Arkansas Department of Education labeled "Smart Core" to enhance the preparedness of graduates from public high schools in Arkansas. Specifically this proposal requires: that the Standards of Accreditation for Arkansas high schools as specified in Attachment A be amended to require that all 38 courses are offered annually, and that the math requirement be increased from 3 units to 4 units and that one math course must be taken in grade 11 or grade 12, and that the required courses in Math, Science and Social Studies be those specified on Attachment B, and that the graduation course requirements be increased from 21 units to 22 units, and that this revised core be the required default curriculum for all students.

[Smart Core Document](#)

Requested that the wording "at Fayetteville" be struck from the paragraph. No objections.

Motion passed.

#### **B. Consent Agenda**

Matters from University Course and Programs Committee and the Graduate Council

##### 1. Course change proposals:

- a. Undergraduate (Table A): <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/tablea111903.pdf>  
Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 10/24/03;

b. Graduate (Table B): <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/tableb111903.pdf>  
Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 9/26/03 and the Graduate Council on 10/16/03.

c. Dual (Table C): <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/tablec111903.pdf>  
Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 9/26/03 and the Graduate Council on 10/16/03.

2. Program change proposal for the M.A.T. degree in Middle-Level Education, sent back from the Faculty Senate to the Graduate Council. New wording was approved by the Graduate Council on 10/16/03 (Attachment A):

Attachment A <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attacha111903.pdf>

"A minimum of 'C' or higher must be earned in ENGL 1013, ENGL 1023, ENGL 2003, COMM 1313, and MATH 1203 unless UA exemption is earned in one or more of the courses..."

3. Proposal to transfer the B.S. degree in Computer Science from the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Engineering (Attachment B).

Attachment B  
<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachb111903.pdf>

4. Proposal to repeal the rule requiring a minimum of one year between admission to candidacy and the final defense of the dissertation for doctoral students. Approved by the Graduate Council on 10/16/03.

5. Proposed residency policy for the Public Policy Ph.D. program (Attachment C). Approved by the Graduate Council on 10/16/03.

Attachment C  
<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachc111903.pdf>

*The consent agenda passed by unanimous consent.*

**C. Proposed new Master of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering (Attachments D, E, and F). Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 9/26/03 and the Graduate Council on 10/16/03.**

Attachment D  
<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachd111903.pdf>

Attachment E  
<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attache111903.pdf>

Attachment F  
<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2003to2004/attachf111903.pdf>

*Motion passed by unanimous consent.*

**D. Honorary Degrees Committee Recommendation for Commencement (Gary D. Ferrier).**

*The Senate went into a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing candidates to receive honorary degrees. Based on recommendations from the Honorary Degrees Committee (as presented by Gary Ferrier, Chair of the committee), the Faculty Senate voted to determine the upcoming recipients of Honorary Degrees from the U of A.*

**VI. Announcements**

*Tom Jensen announced the following:*

*Faculty Holiday reception, December 11th from 6:00 to 8:00, Radisson Hotel.*

*Special Meeting of the Campus Faculty, December 2, 3:30 - Giffels Auditorium. There is a single agenda item.*

*Regular meeting of Campus Faculty - December 9, 3:30, Giffels Auditorium. Dr. Ed Franklin to speak.*

*John King recognized the passing of Dr. Laurin Wheeler. Motion made to make a resolution to the Board of Trustees from the Faculty Senate; motion passed.*

**VII. Adjourn**

*The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.*