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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

February 16, 2005, 3:30 p.m.
ENGR 209

Tom Jensen, Chair
Neil Allison, Acting Secretary
Minutes Status: **Approved**

Present

Officers: Brady, Jensen, Riggs, Rogers, Thomas

Senators (elected): Allison, Cantrell, Comfort, Curington, Denny, Di Brezzo, Elliott, Farley, Gordon, Haydar, Killenbeck, Kopp, Martin, Murphy, Popp, Riha, Rom, Rosenkrans, Ryan, Salisbury, Sears, Waller, Watkins, Wilson

Senators (admin): Dutton, Geren, Smith, Weidmann, Williams

Absent

Officers: Jones

Senators (elected): Cornell, Deaton, Dennis, Evans, Freund, Gay, Hall, Hanlin, Hughes, James, King, Kral, Lawson, Matlock, McGee, Miller, Rupe, Wailes, Webb, Zajicek

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

I. Call to Order: Tom Jensen, Chair

Tom Jensen called the meeting to order at 3:35.

II. Approval of agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

III. Approval of minutes:

<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2004to2005/fsminutes11905.html>

The minutes of January 19, 2005 were approved.

IV. Reports

A. Provost's Report - *Provost Smith reported on the following issues:*

Provost Smith spoke on topics regarding recent promotion and tenure reviews, Deans' searches for the Honors College and Walton College of Business, OCDA (off campus duty assignments "sabbatical", and administrative articles, including "Chairs & Heads" article just out in All Things Academic 6(1).

The faculty senate expressed its best wishes to the Provost on his 63rd birthday today.

B. Faculty Senate Chair's Report

Tom Jensen spoke about the data regarding entering freshman assigned to remediation. In all cases, math, English and reading the University of Arkansas had the lowest % of all public four year higher education institutions in Arkansas.

Tom also reported that the Academic Standards Committee is looking at issues related to grades, grade remediation, grade forgiveness, etc.

C. Faculty Advisory Committee

Dr. Robert Babcock reported for the committee. The data shows that the university is slightly behind for both administrators and faculty in their average salaries as compared to the peer institutions. Overall the administrator % raises (ranging from 18% to 153%) were significantly higher than faculty. There has been a steady increase in administrative positions for the past 5 years with a 20% overall increase. The number of faculty has remained relatively constant.

Financial Advisory Committee Report

<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2004to2005/finppoint21605.ppt>

D. Faculty Athletics Committee

Inza Fort gave a overview of activities concerning the Faculty Athletics Committee and the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics. It was moved and 2nd that the Faculty Senate support the goals of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics. Motion passed.

Athletics Committee Report

<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2004to2005/athlrpt21605.pdf>

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

1. Course Change Proposals:

a. Undergraduate Courses (Table A) – Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 1/28/05.

Table A - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2004to2005/tablea21605.pdf>

b. Graduate Courses (Table B) – Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 12/17/04, and the Graduate Council on 1/20/05.

Table B - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2004to2005/tableb21605.pdf>

c. Dual Courses (Table C) – Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 12/17/04, and the Graduate Council on 1/20/05.

Table C - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2004to2005/tablec21605.pdf>

2. Program change proposals in the Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness: Proposal to change course requirements for AEABBS: Table D (Attachment D1). Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on 1/28/05.

Summary Tables D and E - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2004to2005/tablesde21605.pdf>

Attachment D1 - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2004to2005/attd121605.pdf>

3. Program change proposals for graduate programs: Table E (Attachments E1-E2). Approved by the Graduate Council on 1/20/05.

Attachment E1 - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2004to2005/atte121605.pdf>

Attachment E2 - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2004to2005/atte221605.pdf>

Without objection the consent agenda was approved

B. Proposed new policies:

1. Proposed Academic Honesty Policy for Graduate Students in the Graduate School of Business. (Modeled on the recently-approved Academic Honesty Policy for Graduate Students) (Attachment F). Approved by the Graduate Council on 1/20/05.

Attachment F - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2004to2005/attf21605.pdf>

This was approved

2. Proposed Honor Code for the Graduate School of Business. (Modeled on the recently-approved Honor Code for the Graduate School (Attachment G). Approved by the Graduate Council on 1/20/05.

Attachment G - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2004to2005/attg21605.pdf>

The motion from the Graduate Council was approved.

VII. Announcements

Tom Jensen challenged the faculty senators regarding their participation in the American Heart Association Heart Walk, April 2.

The senate went into a closed executive session to discuss potential candidates for honorary degrees.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.