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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

February 15, 2006, 3:30 p.m.
ENGR 209

Deborah Thomas , Chair
Robert Brady, Acting Secretary
Minutes Status: **Approved**

Present

Officers: Thomas, Brady, Fort

Senators (elected): Cantrell, Comfort, Deaton, DeCoster, Dennis, Di Brezzo, Evans, Freund, Gay, Gbur, Hall, Hanlin, Hardgrave, James, Jensen, Johnson, King, Killenbeck, Kral, Lieber, Martin, Mayes, Murphy, Popp, Riemenschneider, Rosenkrans, Rupe, Salisbury, Schroeder, Sears, Stegman, Waller, Williams

Senators (admin): Geren, Smith

Absent

Officers: Jones

Senators (elected): Allison, Curington, Gordon, Miller, Parry, Reese, Riha, Rom, Tsai, Wailes, Watkins

Senators (admin): Allen, Bobbitt, Brill, Broyles, Dutton, Greenwood, Lewis, McMath, Saxena, Shannon, Weidemann, White, Worrell

I. Call to Order: Deborah Thomas, Chair

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:31.

II. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

III. Approval of minutes from January 18, 2006 meeting.

<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/fsminutes011806.htm>

The minutes were approved.

IV. Reports

A. Provost: Bob Smith – Provost Smith reported on the following:

- *Fall 2005 Admissions (see –[Admission&D-RuleReps2-06 copy.ppt](#)) – Provost Smith summarized the numbers of New Freshmen who were admitted for fall 2005 across the categories of Automatic Admission (3,259), Administrative Admit (677), Summer Program (147) and Special Enrollment Program (222). He also reported data on enrollment, average H.S. GPA and average ACT scores.*
- *D-Rule (see –[D-RuleHndout06_copy.doc](#)) – Provost Smith overviewed the "old" and "new" D Transfer rules. He reported that since January 1, 2004 there were 151 students who petitioned 202 D grades. Of those, the faculty committee approved 30 of the 54 petitions falling under the old rule and 29 of the 148 petitions falling under the new rule. The 3rd Level Administrative Review approved 117 of the 148 petitions falling under the new rule. Senators asked a number of questions about the procedures and differences in approvals between the faculty and administrative review groups.*
- *Promotion and Tenure Review – there were 58 cases submitted for tenure or promotion. His meetings with the Dean's were completed on January 12 and letters were distributed by January 20. Provost Smith's perception is that the External Reviewer Process continues to improve (comparisons with peer institutions and the submission of 3-5 letters)*
- *Federal Relations – update- There are 12 initiatives being actively pursued.*
- *Ethics-Based Policies Across the UA Landscape – The March 2006 volume of "All Things Academic" will contain an article by Provost Smith examining "ethics-based policies" on our campus.*

B. Faculty Senate Chair- *Deborah Thomas reported that she had attended the last Board of Trustees meeting, a series of on-campus "budget hearings," and the recent Dean's meeting. She also noted that Vice Chancellor Pederson will report at the March Senate meeting.*

V. Old Business

A. Recommendations for policy changes from the Task Force on Faculty Governance

<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/govrecommendations.pdf>

Based on a motion and second from the Executive Committee, the recommendations from the Task Force on Faculty Governance were presented to the Senate for approval.

1. Faculty Senate Elections Procedures—Recommended changes as outlined on the attached copy of the Rules of Procedure of the Faculty Senate. Changes are intended to

- Allow for electronic voting
- Reduce number of candidates required in each election
- Eliminate a required run-off election and reduce need for run-off elections
- Reduce paperwork
- Streamline elections process

The motion passed.

2. Faculty Senate Budget and Support

- Financial support from administration, including
- Funds to hire support staff
- Letter of recognition for service to Senators
- Administrative message to Deans to support service on the Senate
- Public recognition of value of service on the Senate by administration
- Regular public reports of Senate activities
- Ask current Senators for other ideas

The motion passed.

3. Senator Apportionment

- Faculty count at the end of the calendar year provided by administration. Notification of each Dean as to number of Senators for the next election.
- Responsibility of Deans to complete election of Senators on a timely basis before the end of the academic year.

The motion passed.

4. Other Recommendations

- Senators should be elected by the faculty, not appointed by the Dean.
- Each Dean and Vice Chancellor should report annually to the Senate.
- Separation of Senators from spectators at meetings with name cards and public role call of Senators.
- Further study to explore additional issues including:
 - Compensation for Senate leadership
 - Rewards for Senate participation
 - Two-year terms for Senate leadership
 - Defining ways to best represent each College

Senator Gay moved (and was seconded) to amend the motion by removing the first item ("Senators be elected by the faculty, not appointed by the Dean").

The amendment passed.

Senator Hanlin moved (and was seconded) to amend the motion by removing the second item ("Each Dean and Vice Chancellor should report annually to the Senate").

The vote on the amendment was 15-in favor and 15-against. Senate Chair Thomas cast the tie-breaking vote by voting "in favor" of the amendment.

Chair Thomas called for the question (item #4 with the two amendments).

The amended motion passed.

Chair Thomas then asked the acting secretary to conduct a public role call of the officers and the elected and administrative senators.

B. Senator King moved (and was seconded) that Senator Freund's motion be removed from the table.

The motion passed.

(Preamble) When a department or program (unit) requires, as part of their program, courses which are offered by another unit, students may sometimes find that they are unable to take those required courses in a timely manner because of matters outside their control. The intent of this motion is to minimize those difficulties by insuring that all involved units know and agree to the requirements. While this motion is specifically addressing adding courses, as a matter of courtesy, it is expected that units planning to delete from their list of requirements a course offered by another unit would notify the affected unit of that planned action.

(Motion) As part of the process to add or change a program, departments or programs (hereafter units) planning to add to their requirements a course or courses offered by another unit in the university, must provide written confirmation that the affected unit has been consulted and has agreed to the inclusion of their course(s). This confirmation should be provided, by the requesting unit, to the University Course and Programs Committee as part of the initial documentation for the program change or addition.

Senator Williams moved (and was seconded) that the motion (and preamble) be amended as follows:

(Preamble) When a department or program (unit) requires, as part of their program, courses which are offered by another unit, students may sometimes find that they are unable to take those required courses in a timely manner because of matters outside their control. The intent of this motion is to minimize those difficulties by insuring that all involved units know and agree to the requirements.

(Motion) As part of the process to add or change a program, departments or programs (hereafter units) planning to add to their requirements a course or courses offered by another unit in the university, shall provide written confirmation that the affected unit has been consulted and has agreed to the inclusion of their course(s). This confirmation should be provided, by the requesting unit, to the University Course and Programs Committee as part of the initial documentation for the program change or addition. Units planning to delete from their list of requirements a course offered by another unit shall notify the affected unit of that planned action.

The amendment passed.

Senator King moved to refer (and was seconded) the amended motion to the University Programs and Course Committee for their review and recommendation. A written report should be submitted by the Committee to the Senate by the April 19, 2006 regular monthly meeting.

The motion to refer passed by a vote of 21-in favor and 5-against.

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

1. Undergraduate course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on January 27, 2006 and recommended to the Faculty Senate for approval: Table A.

Table A: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/tablea021506.pdf>

2. Law course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on January 27, 2006 and recommended to the Faculty Senate for approval: Table D.

Table D: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/taled021506.pdf>

3. Graduate course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 16, 2005, and the Graduate Council on January 19, 2006 and recommended to the Faculty Senate for approval: Table B.

Table B: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/tableb021506.pdf>

4. Dual Credit course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 16, 2005, and the Graduate Council on January 19, 2006 and recommended to the Faculty Senate for approval: Table C.

Table C: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/tablec021506.pdf>

5. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences. Change was approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on January 27, 2006 and recommended to the Faculty Senate for approval: Table 1, Attachment 1A.

Tables 1-3: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/tables1to3021506.pdf>

Attachment 1A: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/Attach1A021506.pdf>

Attachment 1B: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach1b021506.pdf>

Attachment 1C: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach1c021506.pdf>

Attachment 1D: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach1d021506.pdf>

Attachment 1E: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach1e021506.pdf>

Attachment 1F: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach1f021506.pdf>

Attachment 1G: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach1g021506.pdf>

6. Proposed undergraduate program changes for the College of Engineering. Changes were approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 16, 2005 and recommended to the Faculty Senate for approval: Table 2, Attachments 2A and 2B.

See Table 2 above

Attachment 2A: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach2a021506.pdf>

Attachment 2B: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach2b021506.pdf>

7. Proposed graduate program changes for the Graduate School of Business. Changes were approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 16, 2005 and the Graduate Council on January 19, 2006 and recommended to the Faculty Senate for approval: Table 3, Attachments 3A-3C.

See Table 3 above:

Attachment 3A: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach3a021506.pdf>

Attachment 3B: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach3b021506.pdf>

Attachment 3C: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach3c021506.pdf>

8. Proposed graduate program changes for the Department of Health Science, Kinesiology, Recreation and Dance. Changes were approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 16, 2005 and the Graduate Council on January 19, 2006 and recommended to the Faculty Senate for approval: Table 3, Attachments 3D and 3E.

See Table 3 above:

Attachment 3D: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach3d021506.pdf>

Attachment 3E: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach3e021506.pdf>

9. Proposed changes to the composition of the Fringe Benefits Committee. Changes were approved by the Committee on Committees, David Gay, Chair. Recommended to the Faculty Senate for approval:

Attachment 4: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/Frenchbenefits.doc>

10. Proposal to modify the readmission policy of the Graduate School. Approved by the Graduate Council and recommended to the Faculty Senate for approval.

Readmission Policy: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/readmit.pdf>

The Consent Agenda was approved.

There were no announcements.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.