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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

March 8 , 2006, 3:30 p.m.
ENGR 209

Deborah Thomas , Chair
Linda Jones, Secretary
Minutes Status: **Approved**

Roll Call:

Present

Officers: Thomas, Brady, Fort, Jones

Senators (elected): Allison, Curington, Deaton, Di Brezzo, Evans, Gay, Hanlin, Hardgrave, James, Jensen, King, Kral, Lieber, Martin, Mayes, Murphy, Popp, Reese, Riemenschneider, Salisbury, Stegman, Wailes, Watkins, Williams

Senators (admin): Geren, McMath, Smith

Absent

Officers:

Senators (elected): Cantrell, Comfort, DeCoster, Dennis, Freund, Gbur, Gordon, Hall, Johnson, Killenbeck, Miller, Parry, Riha, Rom, Rosenkrans, Rupe, Schroeder, Sears, Tsai, Waller

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

I. Call to Order: Deborah Thomas, Chair

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:33.

II. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

III. Approval of minutes from February 15, 2006 meeting.

<http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/fsminutes021506.htm>

The minutes were approved.

IV. Reports

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

- **Role and Scope Statement & Supporting Document** – *This official document, approved by the Board of Trustees, is on record at the Arkansas Department of Higher Ed. It is a draft that has to be adopted by the board. Had to be at the DHE by March 1st. Incorporates such things as our vision statement, the 2010 commission, and economic development emphases. The Carnegie Commission Classification has changed. Research University (high funding) vs. Doctoral Extensive. This has also been included in the Role and Scope document.*
- **Budget Hearings & Implications** – *Went on through much of February and Faculty Governance participated. Reallocation process of 2% reduction, 1, 2 & 3% build back & build up. The University needs additional resources, upwards of \$30,000,000.00. The Provost welcomes input from all on budget issues.*
- **Honors College Fellowship Competition** – *Fellowship prospects were in town this past week. 150 participants. Turned down 100 students for fellowships, even though they had 4.0 GPAs and ACT averages of 32. The entire group of 150 had a GPA average of 4.2 and ACT average of 33.*
- **More on ATA 7 (1)** – *The latest edition of "All Things Academic" is out. Discusses ethics policy across UA landscape, ethics in research offerings, visual artists as integrated scholars and extraordinary people in unusual places.*

B. Report from Vice Chancellor Pederson:

[PowerPoint Presentation](#)

FY06 Financial Issues

Expect a 1.09 million dollar deficit for utilities; uncommitted & unrestricted year end balances that are used to supplement inadequate contingencies are decreasing as a result of the carry forward policy.

FY07 Revenues

- *6 million dollar increase in state appropriations, over \$110,180,000; Projected growth for FY07 – 6.3% undergrads, 5.1% grads, -0.7% law students.*
- *Generally positive financial picture for FY07 though it is doubtful that there will be sufficient funding to do "all good things that should be done."*
- *Tuition and fees are close to the national average though this year, we are slightly below.*

FY07 Budget includes the following

- *Have to budget those expenditures not previously budgeted.*
- *Classified pay requires \$896,000*
- *N/C Non-faculty salary increases cost \$272,000*
- *GA stipend increases cost \$896,000*
- *Faculty salary increases \$701,000*
- *Faculty promotion increases \$318,000*

Financial challenges include the following:

- *Diversity enhancements*
- *Faculty, GA & staff salary improvement*
- *Capital needs*
- *Need-based scholarships*
- *Base support for activities made possible by development*
- *Deferred maintenance & renovations to modernize*

C. Deb Thomas Report

Thanked the Faculty Senate for cooperating with the new seating process and roll call. She asked us to please help with election process. Need candidates for Chair and Faculty Senate.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. Request Faculty Senate support for a faculty/staff membership rate increase for the HPER Building for FY07 – Craig Edmonston, Director, Intramural Recreational Sports.

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

Move to amend the motion. A request was made, and seconded, to add "or friend" to the policy related to a faculty/staff membership. As such, a family member purchase can also be called "a friend" purchase.

Amendment passed.

Motion to increase the fees passed.

B. Proposed Change to Membership of the Admissions and Transfer of Credit Committee (Committee on Committees, David Gay)

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

Professor Gay thanked the members of the committee on committees for their assistance in these proposed changes.

Motion to change passed.

C. Proposed Changes to Membership of the University Course and Programs Committee (Committee on Committees, David Gay)

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

Motion to change passed.

D. Proposed Changes to Membership and Charge of the University Program Review Committee (Committee on Committees, David Gay)

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

Request to change the grammar: "each of these members are" to "each of these members is".

Motion to change passed.

E. Consent Agenda

1. Undergraduate and Law course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on February 24, 2006: Tables A and D.

Table A: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/tablea030806.pdf>

Table D: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/tabled030806.pdf>

2. Graduate and Dual Credit course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on January 27, 2006 and February 24, 2006, and the Graduate Council on February 16, 2006 and March 16, 2006: Tables B and C.

Table B: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/tableb030806.pdf>

Table C: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/tablec030806.pdf>

3. Proposed undergraduate program changes for the Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences (Table 1, Attachments 1A-1D). Changes were approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on February 24, 2006.

Tables 1-3: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/tables1to3030806.pdf>

Attachment 1A : <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach1a030806.pdf>

Attachment 1B : <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach1b030806.pdf>

Attachment 1C : <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach1c030806.pdf>

Attachment 1D : <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach1d030806.pdf>

4. Proposed undergraduate program changes for the Walton College of Business (Table 3, Attachments 3A-3D). The changes were approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on February 24, 2006.

Tables 1-3: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/tables1to3030806.pdf>

Attachment 3A : <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach3a030806.pdf>

Attachment 3B : <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach3b030806.pdf>

Attachment 3C : <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach3c030806.pdf>

Attachment 3D : <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/attach3d030806.pdf>

The Consent Agenda was approved.

VII. Announcements

Campus Faculty meeting, April 18, 3:30, Giffels Auditorium. Chancellor White and Vice Chancellor Gearhart are the speakers.

Campus Council meeting set for first week in April.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.