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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

April 19 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, Cantrell, Curington, Deaton, Dennis, Di Brezzo, Evans, Freund, , Gbur, Gordon, Hanlin, Hardgrave, James, Jensen, Johnson, Killenbeck, King, Kral, Lieber, Martin, Mayes, Murphy, Popp, Rom, Riemenschneider, Rosenkrans, Rupe, Salisbury, Sears, Stegman, Wailes, Wall, Watkins, Williams

Senators (admin): Bobbitt, Geren, Smith

Absent

Officers:

Senators (elected): Comfort, DeCoster, Gay, Hall, Miller, Parry, Reese, Riha, Schroeder, Tsai, Waller

Senators (admin): Allen, 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 3:30.

II. Approval of agenda

The agenda was amended to include a brief report by Senator Rosenkrans and to vote on posthumous degrees. The amended agenda was approved.

III. Approval of minutes from March 08, 2006 meeting.

March 8, 2006 - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/fsminutes030806.htm>

The minutes were approved.

IV. Reports

A. Provost Bob Smith reported on the following:

2010 Commission Update – We have developed a good case for requesting additional funding. "Raising the Ba"r is the new publication to come out in March 2007. We need \$36 million to help with faculty & staff salaries, the student faculty ratio, and need-based scholarships.

Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association Re-Accreditation – Nancy Talburt has worked very hard on the re-accreditation process. We are applying for a "special emphasis" re-accreditation process. This will allow us to submit our four 2010 reports and our supplementary self-study report to support our re-accreditation. Actual visit will be in April 2007.

UA Program Assessment – Bill Warnock is the Director of Program Assessment. Assesses all programs at the U of A. Reviews are well underway.

Recent Institutionally Important Visitors – Have had visitors from NSF, the American University of Science & Technology, Beirut, and a delegation from the University of Sousse, Tunisia. These institutions or organizations play a prominent part in several Colleges on campus.

B. Task Force on Grade Inflation: Sean Mulvenon, Chair

Final Report - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/gradesreport.pdf>

Motion made to officially accept report and extend thanks to the committee

Motion Passed

C. Financial Advisory Committee: Robert Brady, Chair

Professor Brady gave a report from the Financial Advisory Committee:

PowerPoint - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/finance041706.ppt>

D. University Program and Course Committee:

Response - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/att241906.doc>

E. Bumper College of Arts and Sciences:

Senator Rosenkrans spoke to the Senate about their College's concerns with the proposal to become non-tenure track. He is hopeful that their College will continue to work toward a positive resolution with the Vice President of Agriculture, Dr. Shult.

A. Motion from University Program and Course Committee:

In Section V of the Program Change form (1622.20A), two boxes will be added. One will say: "Program change proposal adds courses offered by another academic college. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here." A signature line will be added immediately following this box. The second will say "Program change proposal deletes courses offered by another academic college. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here." Again, a signature line will be added immediately following this box.

If, in the first case, the contributing dean refuses to sign, the proposing dean will arrange a meeting with the contributing dean and the Provost for resolution of the issues. If an agreement can be reached, the contributing dean will sign the form and the program proposal will be forwarded to the UCPC and/or Graduate Council, as appropriate. If no agreement can be reached, the proposal will only come forward again if modified such that no external resources are involved.

Motion passed

VI. New Business

A. Academic Calendar 2012: Recommendation from Calendar Committee: Jerry Yeargan, Chair

Proposed Calendar - http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/2012acadcal_proposed.doc

Calendar Approved

B. Recommendations from Task Force on Grades: Sean Mulvenon, Chair

Recommendations - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/gradesrec.pdf>

Motion made to table the recommendations and to come up with a task force to address how we assign grades (papers, exams, projects and so on).

Motion failed.

Motion to accept the recommendations as presented here and in the report.

Motion passed.

C. Posthumous

Motion made to approve individuals for posthumous degrees with approval of the honorary degrees committee.

Motion passed.

D. Consent Agenda

1. Undergraduate course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on March 17, 2006 and recommended to the Faculty Senate for approval: Table A.

Table A - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/tablea41906.pdf>

2. Recommendation from Committee on Committees on the description and membership of the Research Council (Committee on Committees, David Gay)

Recommendation - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/RecApril2006.doc>

3. Information Item—Listing of emergency catalog changes that were made due to new state requirement: Attachment 1.

Attachment 1 - <http://www.uark.edu/depts/facsen/facsen2005to2006/att141906.doc>

Consent Agenda Approved.

VII. Announcements

HPER Fee Resolution Endorsed by Staff Senate

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33.