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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting January 16, 2008, 3:30 p.m. ENGR 209

Jeannie Whayne, Chair Linda Jones, Secretary Minutes Status: **Approved**

Roll Call:

Present

Officers: Whayne, Jones, Brady, Fort, Rupe, Freund

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Wall; (ALFS) Miller, Wardlow, Rupe; (ARSC) Comfort, DeCoster, Turner, Parry, Condray, Scheide, Freund, Brady; (WCOB) Bowman, Ellstrand, Hardgrave; (EDHP) Di Brezzo, Haggstrom; (ENGR) Deaton, Gordon; (LAW) Killenbeck; (At-Large) Curington, Goodstein-Murphree, James, Jensen, Gay, Murphy, Riggs, Starks, Turner, Martin, Kral.

Senators (admin): Smith, Bobbitt, Geren, McMath

Absent

Officers:

Senators (elected): (AFLS) Evans, Rosenkrans, Wailes; (ARSC) Behrend, Yang, Spiegel, Davidson, Martin; (EDHP) Moiseichik; (ENGR) Hall; (LIBR) Zou; (At-Large) Robinson, Starks, Thomas, Salisbury.

Senators (admin): White, Weidemann, Shannon, Worrell, Beene Ballard, Greenwood, Saxena, Nance, Allen, Long.

I. Call to Order: Jeannie Whayne, Chair

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

II. Roll Call

The roll was called.

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from November 14, 2007 and ratify actions from December Consent Agenda conducted by E-mail.

Minutes of November 14, 2007 Email agenda of December, 2007

The minutes were approved.

V. Reports

A. Provost's Report - Bob Smith

The Provost reported on the following:

- Promotion and Tenure review 38 cases reviewed
- SECAC Academic Leadership Development Program. Workshop will take place with participants from other SEC schools. If interested in participating, contact your respective Dean's office.
- SECAC IFSA Foundation grant. DeDe Long has secured a \$94,000 grant to help students in the SEC to study in Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- Financial Aid Kattie Wing is the New Director.
- Budget The Provost responded to various questions from the Senate.
- B. Student/Faculty Ratio Kathy Van Laningham

See attached report

C. Charitable Giving - Bob McMath

Dean McMath reported on the latest United Way campaign. This year, the U of A donated \$175,000. Concerns were addressed by Dean McMath regarding confidentiality and the pressure to contribute. The belief is that it is confidential and any concerns regarding feeling pressure to contribute should be raised with Dean McMath and his Co-Chair, judy Schwabb. Conversations have also taken place with United Way and a new policy has been adopted such that designation of funds to specific agencies will now go to the selected agencies. Therefore, the U of A will continue to work with the United Way in the coming year but will monitor the designation and giving process.

B. Faculty Senate Chair's Report: Jeannie Whayne

In addition to a review of the items reported on by Smith, Van Laningham and McMath, Professor Whayne also discussed the following:

Center for Education Access (CEA) - Annie Jannarone is seeking appropriate spacing on campus to assist with extended testing time for students who qualify.

The Disability Services committee now has a faculty member on it.

Concerns have been raised regarding the retirement of Chancellor White and the search for his replacement. The Faculty Senate and Campus Faculty have invited President Sugg to speak to the faculty and he will do so on Wednesday, January 23, at 3:30 in Giffels Auditorium.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

- 1. Undergraduate and Law course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 14, 2007: <u>Table A</u> and <u>Table D</u>.
- 2. Graduate and Dual credit course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on November 16, 2007 and the Graduate Council on December 13, 2007: <u>Table B</u> and <u>Table C</u>.
- 3. Table E contains courses with no enrollment for the last five years that are being inactivated by the Registrar's Office.
- 4. <u>Table F</u> contains courses with no enrollment for the last five years that will remain active due to college recommendations.
- 5. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences School of Human Environmental Sciences APSTBS BSHES, Apparel Studies (<u>Table 1</u>, <u>Attachment 1A</u>) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 14, 2007.
- 6. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences School of Human Environmental Sciences FHNHBS BSHES, Food, Human Nutrition and Hospitality (<u>Table 1, Attachment 1B</u>) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 14, 2007.
- 7. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences School of Human Environmental Sciences IDESBID BID, Interior Design (<u>Table 1</u>, <u>Attachment 1C</u>) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 14, 2007.
- 8. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences School of Human Environmental Sciences IDESBID IDES-M, Minor in Interior Design (<u>Table 1</u>, <u>Attachment 1D</u> and <u>Attachment 1E</u>) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 14, 2007.
- 9. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences School of Human Environmental Sciences HDFSBS BSHES, Human Development and Family Sciences (<u>Table 1</u>, <u>Attachment 1F</u>) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 14, 2007.
- 10. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions Department of Curriculum and Instruction ELEDBS BSE, Childhood Education (<u>Table 2 Attachment 2A</u> and <u>Attachment 2B</u>) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 14, 2007.
- 11. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Engineering Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering CSCEBS BS, Computer Science (<u>Table 3</u>, <u>Attachment 3A</u>) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 14, 2007.

- 12. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Engineering Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering CENGBS BSCMPE, Computer Engineering (<u>Table 3</u>, <u>Attachment 3B</u>) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 14, 2007.
- 13. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Engineering Department of Mechanical Engineering MEEGBS BSME, Mechanical Engineering (<u>Table 3</u>, <u>Attachment 3C</u>) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 14, 2007.
- 14. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering CENGMS MS, Computer Engineering (<u>Table 4</u>, <u>Attachment 4A</u>) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 13, 2007.
- 15. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering CSCEMS MS, Computer Science (<u>Table 4</u>, <u>Attachment 4B</u>) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 13, 2007.
- 16. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Electrical Engineering ELEGPH PhD, Electrical Engineering (<u>Table 4</u>, <u>Attachment 4C</u>) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 13, 2007.

Approved

VIII. Announcements

Campus Faculty meeting, Wednesday, January 23, 2008; Giffels Auditorium. Guest speaker, President Sugg.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.