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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

April 16 , 2008, 3:30 p.m.
ENGR 209

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

Roll Call:

Present

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

Senators (elected): (ARCH); (ALFS) Rosenkrans, Miller, Wardlow, Wailes, Rupe; (ARSC) Behrend, Turner, Parry, Condray, DeCoster, Scheide, Freund, Brady; (WCOB) Bowman, Ellstrand, Hardgrave; (EDHP) Di Brezzo, Haggstrom, Moiseichik; (ENGR) Gordon; (LAW) Killenbeck; (LIBR) Zou; (At-Large) Goodstein-Murphree, James, Gay, Murphy, Riggs, Turner, Martin

Senators (admin): Smith, Bobbitt, Greenwood, Saxena, Geren, Henderson Allen, McMath

Absent

Officers:

Senators (elected): (ARCH); Wall (AFLS) Evans; (ARSC) Comfort, Yang, Spiegel, Davidson, Martin; (WCOB); (EDHP); (ENGR); Deaton, Hall; (LIBR); (At-Large) Curington, Jensen, Robinson, Starks, Thomas, Kral, Salisbury.

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

I. Call to Order: Jeannie Whayne, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 3:29.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called.

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to include reports from the Committee on Admissions and Transfer of Credit and the Calendar committee.

The amended agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from March 12, 2008.

[Minutes of March 12, 2008](#)

The minutes were approved.

V. Reports

A. Chancellor Elect G. David Gearhart

The Chancellor Elect introduced the Interim Provost, Bob McMath and announced that we have hired a new Vice Chancellor for Advancement, Brad Choate;

The University is in good shape. When Chancellor White began, the UA had a 100 million dollar endowment. Today, we have a 900 million dollar endowment. The 6 year graduation rate has risen 16%. Incoming freshman class has the highest academic accomplishment ever.

Intentions are to :

- *Improve our student-centeredness to help make students successful, to help minority and low income students come to the U A, to try to raise funds through Access Arkansas to help those who cannot afford it come to school here, to not deny students a diploma because of their pocketbook;*
- *Talk with high schools more and better align HS graduation and college requirements;*
- *Be more engaged in the admissions process;*

- *Increase the size of our student body;*
- *Give more energy to legislative relations;*
- *Demonstrate that we are a solution to society's problems, that we can be creative;*
- *Make salaries a priority and address equity problems;*
- *Continue to increase diversity;*
- *Make ourselves more visible across the state and in Northwest Arkansas;*
- *Explore an increase in course offerings;*
- *Keep Honors College strong;*
- *Keep our libraries strong and continue to seek funding;*
- *Look for funding to better market the UA;*
- *Keep our technical infrastructure up to date;*
- *Plan and implement a new major fundraising campaign;*
- *Increase faculty, especially in Fulbright College;*
- *Explore what can be cut that does not compromise quality.*

B. Provost's Report: Bob Smith

- *Common Reading Pilot Program - Set to begin this fall. The selected book is "The Devil's Highway" by Luis Alberto Urrea. The Department of English and the Honors College are leading this program;*
- *SECAC Headquarters Dedication is set for April 24, 2008;*
- [D-Rule Report](#);
- *Message of gratitude to all!*

C. Faculty Senate Chair's Report for 2007-2008 : Jeannie Whayne

- *Faculty hope to continue to work with implementation of the Textbook Adoption Law;*
- *United Way Campaign - will continue to monitor this;*
- *Concerns are ever present for the need to allocate more resources to core classes;*
- *Faculty need to have a voice in building and classroom creation and renovation at all times;*
- *Jeff Long - Emphasized dedication to promoting academic success, increasing the student athlete graduation rate and avoiding academic fraud;*
- *Passed a resolution extending benefits to partners. Need to follow up on this process;*
- *Need to follow up on the evaluation of the usefulness and appropriateness of Purdue evaluations for evaluating our teaching.*

D. Student Evaluation Review - David Gay

- *The campus needs a broader approach to teacher evaluation;*
- *Hope to act on the evaluation process in the fall.*

E. Admissions and Transfer of Credit - Laura Taylor

New admissions deadlines have been established. August 1 is the deadline for the fall semester; December 1 is the deadline for the spring semester.

[Report](#)

F. Calendar Committee - Angie Smith-Nix

[Proposed calendar for 2013-2014](#)

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

1. Undergraduate course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on March 28, 2008: [Table A](#).

2. Courses that have been inactivated to be deleted: [Table B](#) was approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on February 22, 2008 and the Graduate Council by e-mail vote during March 2008.

3. Courses that have been inactivated to be retained; [Table C](#) was approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on February 22, 2008 and the Graduate Council by e-mail vote during March 2008.

The consent agenda was approved.

B. Program Changes

1. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions – CDISBS, Communication Disorders, BSE ([Table 1](#), [Attachment 1A](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on March 28, 2008.

2. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Business Administration and the Clinton School of Public Policy – BADMMB, Business Administration, MBA and UACSMP, Master of Public Service, MPS ([Table 2](#), [Attachment 2A](#), [Attachment 2B](#), [Attachment 2C](#), and [Attachment 2D](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on March 13, 2008.

The program changes were approved.

VIII. Announcements

Retirees from the U of A were honored during today's meeting:

Agriculture:

Donald Herring, 10 years

Martin Redfern, 39 years

Education:

Donnie Dutton, 38 years

Beverly Elliott, 18 years

Engineering:

William (Bill) Brown, 31 years

William (Bill) Schmidt, 22 years

Fulbright:

Evan Bukey, 38 years

Claire Detels, 26 years

Don Engels, 22 years

Don Harington, 20 years

Jerry Patnoe, 18 years

Judith Ricker, 28 years

Henry Tsai, 37 years

Conrad Waligorski, 37 years

Law:

Rafael Ray Guzman, 41 years

Robert Laurence, Dist. Professor of Law, 26 years

Walton College:

Tracy Murray, 30 years

Deborah Thomas, 24 years

The following faculty who passed away during this year were memorialized:

John Williams, Herb Fowler, Dick Kellogg - presented by Ethel Goodstein-Murphree

Jerry Ford - presented by Reed Greenwood

[Deepak Bhat](#) - by Matt Gordon

[Ken Kinnamon](#) - by Joe Candido

[Robert Kennedy](#) - by Pugh Lee

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.