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## Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting, September 17, 2008

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**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting**

September 17, 2008, 3:30 p.m.  
ENGR 209

Inza Fort, Chair  
Linda Jones, Secretary  
Minutes Status: **Approved**

**Roll Call:**

**Present**

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

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Wall; (ALFS) Rosenkrans, Miller; (ARSC) Comfort, Turner, DeCoster, Scheide, Freund, Brady, Kral, Rhoads, Van Brahana; (WCOB) Bouwman, Ellstrand, Hardgrave; (EDHP) Di Brezzo, Hagstrom, Stegman; (ENGR) Deaton, Heymsfield; (LAW) Killenbeck; (LIBR) Zou; (At-Large) Curington, Goodstein, Gay, Murphy, Riggs, Turner, Salisbury, Martin, T. Jensen.

Senators (admin): McMath, Schwab, Greenwood, Henderson Allen, McCray

**Absent**

Officers:

Senators (elected): (ARCH); (AFLS) Evans; (ARSC) Behrend, Parry, Yang, Spiegel; (WCOB); (EDHP); Smith (ENGR); Hall; (LIBR); (At-Large) James, M. Jensen, Robinson, Starks.

Senators (admin): Gearhart, Verma, Shannon, Worrell, Beene Ballard, Saxena, Geren, Nance, Long.

I. Call to Order: Inza Fort, Chair

*The meeting was called to order at 3:30.*

II. Roll Call

*The roll was called.*

III. Approval of Agenda

*The agenda was approved.*

IV. Approval of minutes from April 16, 2008 and May 2008.

[Minutes of April 16, 2008](#)  
[Consent Agenda from May 2008](#)

*The minutes were approved.*

V. Reports

A. Chair's Report

[See attached report](#)

B. Provost's Report

*Provost McMath reported on the following:*

*A. Dean Searches: Three Interim Deans are in Place; Bill Schwab, Fulbright College, Lalit Verma, Bumpers College, and Suzanne McCray, Honors College. Read Greenwood is stepping down as of May 2009. The intention is to identify the next Dean for the College of Education before May. With regards all Dean positions, it is hoped to resolve the issue of Provost before these searches begin.*

*B. Chancellor Gearhart: The new Chancellor is listening carefully to many. A recent retreat was a big help in inviting voices from across campus to be heard. The goal is to be a learning-centered campus. The administration is working with alumni from around the state to attain this goal. Funding and facilities are a big issue on campus and the need to rehabilitate and refurbish some of our buildings is priority. Salaries are also of major concern given that our salaries are 7-12% below average. At the legislative meetings, the Chancellor fully intends to tell our story; to fully state what our university is doing for the state.*

*C. Recruitment and Retention: Tom Williams was brought in to help us understand recruitment and retention issues. One instant move*

*has been to move our focus away from the "hog" to a focus on faculty and academics. There has also been a suggested reconfiguration of staff, a point which will be further explored. A committee on campus is also looking into retention as is a statewide committee. Both are coming up with similar ideas and are designing a "road map" of things we can do. Colleges and departments are also looking at how we can keep students here. Mathematics has been a stumbling block but their department is looking at ways to help students with math.*

*D. Duties as Interim Provost: Interim Provost McMath reported that he will do all he can to resolve problems and issues with a short time frame. He will not make major changes as Interim as he believes this is up to the permanent Provost once he or she is in place. In the mean time, he is enjoying his duties and is enjoying working with faculty from across campus.*

## VI. Old Business

*None*

## VII. New Business

### A. Consent Agenda

1. Undergraduate course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on May 23 and August 22, 2008: [Table A. Key](#)
2. Graduate and Dual credit course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on May 23, 2008 and the Graduate Council on June 19, 2008 and August 21, 2008: [Table B](#) and [Table C. Key](#)
3. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Walton College of Business – Department of Information Systems – ISYS-M – Minor in Information Systems for Business Majors – ([Table 1](#), [Attachment 1A](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on May 23, 2008.
4. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Walton College of Business – Department of Information Systems – ISYSBS – BS in Information Systems – ([Table 1](#), [Attachment 1B](#) and [Attachment 1C](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on May 23, 2008.
5. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions – Department of Curriculum and Instruction – CATEBS, FCSE – BSE in Career and Technical Education, Family and Consumer Science Education concentration ([Table 2](#), [Attachment 2A](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on May 23, 2008.
6. Proposed graduate program change for – Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering – CENGMS – MS in Computer Engineering – ([Table 3](#), [Attachment 3A](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on May15, 2008.
7. Proposed graduate program change for – Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering – CSCEMS – MS in Computer Science – ([Table 3](#), [Attachment 3B](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on May15, 2008.
8. Proposed graduate program change for – Department of Electrical Engineering – ELEGMS – MS in Electrical Engineering – ([Table 3](#), [Attachment 3C](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on May15, 2008.
9. Proposed graduate program change for – Department of History – HISTMA – MA in History – ([Table 3](#), [Attachment 3D](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on May15, 2008.
10. Proposed graduate program change for – Department of Information Systems – INSYMI – MIS in Information Systems – ([Table 3](#), [Attachment 3E](#), [Att. 3F](#), [Att. 3G](#), [Att. 3H](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on May 23, 2008 and the Graduate Council on June 19, 2008.

*Approved*

### B. Five Year Calendar - [2013-2013 Document](#)

*Approved*

### C. Election of Executive Committee

The following individuals were elected to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate:

*Ro DiBrezza, David Gay, Cheryl Murphy, Tim Kral, David Hardgrave*

### D. Election of representatives to Campus Council

*Charles Riggs, Bill Hardgrave, Ethel Goodstein, Tim Kral, Bob Brady, Tom Jensen, David Gay, Luti Salisbury, Mark*

*Killenbeck, Terry Martin, Jerry Wall, Janine Parry, Charles Rosenkrans, Nan Miller, Russell Deaton, Doug Rhoads*

E. Information Item: Code of Student Life--Information Request

[Student Code](#)

[Supporting Document](#)

VIII. Announcements

A. Campus Faculty Meeting

*November 6, 3:30, Giffels Auditorium*

B. Other Announcements

- *Legislative Forum - sponsored by Staff Senate, September 30, Tuesday, 5-7 p.m., Alumni House*
- *The Senators are encouraged to consider individuals they would like to nominate for Honorary Degrees*

IX. Adjourn

*The meeting was adjourned at an appropriate time!*