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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

January 14, 2009, 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, Ahrendsen, Savin; (ARSC) Behrend, Comfort, Turner, Parry, DeCoster, Scheide, Freund, Brady, Kral; (WCOB) Bouwman; (EDHP) Hagstrom, Stegman, Dibrezzo, Smith; (ENGR) Deaton; (LAW) Killenbeck; (LIBR) Zou; (At-Large) Curington, Goodstein, James, Jensen, Gay, Murphy, Riggs, Salisbury, Martin, T. Jensen.

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

Absent

Officers:

Senators (elected): (ARCH); (AFLS) Evans, Rom; (ARSC) Yang, Spiegel, Rhoads, Van Brahana; (WCOB) Ellstrand, Hardgrave; (EDHP); (ENGR) Hall, Heymsfield; (LIBR); (At-Large) Robinson, Starks, Turner.

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

I. Call to Order: Inza Fort, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 3:35.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called.

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from November and December, 2008.

[November 12, 2008 Minutes](#)
[December 2008 Consent Agenda](#)

The minutes were approved.

V. Reports

A. Provost's Report

The Provost reported on the following:

- *Provost McMath has finished his review of the promotion and tenure files. He is very impressed with the candidates. Announcements will come out soon.*
- *The University is now actively conducting three Dean searches. He is keeping the incoming Provost informed of the status of these searches.*
- *The Provost and the CEA continue to explore ways to accommodate students with special needs who must take examinations. Current issues concern finding space to give exams and ways to proctor exams.*
- *The Provost has been requested to reconvene the Inclement Weather Task Force to implement those items which have not yet been put into place. As it stands today, the Inclement Weather alert system is now a multi-modal system that more fully alerts the campus population with regards university cancellations.*

B. Financial Report from Vice Chancellor Pederson

Vice Chancellor Pederson reported on the financial situation of the University.

[Attached Report](#)

VI. Old Business

A. Changes to the Code of Student Life (Comes as motion from the EC)

[Changes Made](#)

[Support Letter](#)

[Recommendations from Committee on Committees](#)

A motion was made to amend item #3 to say that the hearing panel must have a majority of faculty members. The amendment passed.

The amended motion passed.

VII. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

The following items are referred to the Faculty Senate for review and action from the Graduate Council:

1. Undergraduate and School of Law course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 19, 2008: [Table A](#) and [Table D](#).
2. Graduate and Dual credit course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on November 21, 2008 and the Graduate Council on December 18, 2008: [Table B](#) and [Table C](#).
3. Undergraduate and graduate courses were approved to remain active even though the courses listed in [Table E](#) have had no enrollment for the past five years and approved to be inactivated the courses listed in [Table F](#) that have had no enrollment for the past five years.
4. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness – AGECMS – MS, Agricultural Economics - (Table 1, Attachments [1A](#) and [1B](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on November 21, 2008 and the Graduate Council on December 18, 2008.
5. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Rehabilitation, Human Resources and Communication Disorders - CNSLMS – MSE, Counseling - Community Counseling Concentration - ([Table 1](#), Attachments [1C](#) and [1D](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 18, 2008.
6. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Curriculum and Instruction – CHEDMA – MAT, Childhood Education - ([Table 1](#), Attachment [1E](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 18, 2008.
7. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Curriculum and Instruction – EDLEME – MED, Educational Leadership - ([Table 1](#), Attachments [1F](#) and [1G](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 18, 2008.
8. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Curriculum and Instruction – EDLEES – EDS, Educational Leadership - ([Table 1](#), Attachments [1H](#) and [1I](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 18, 2008.
9. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Electrical Engineering – ELEGMS – MS, Electrical Engineering - ([Table 1](#), Attachments [1J](#) and [1K](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 18, 2008.
10. Proposed graduate program change for the interdisciplinary program of Microelectronics-Photonics – MEPHMS – MS, Microelectronic-Photonics - ([Table 1](#), Attachment [1L](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 18, 2008.
11. Proposed graduate program change for the interdisciplinary program of Microelectronics-Photonics – MEPHPH – PhD, Microelectronic-Photonics - ([Table 1](#), Attachment [1M](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 18, 2008.
12. Proposed graduate program change for the Interdisciplinary program of Public Policy – PUBPPH – PhD, Public Policy, Policy Studies in Aging Concentration - ([Table 1](#), Attachments [1N](#) and [1O](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on November 21, 2008 and the Graduate Council on December 18, 2008.
13. Proposed graduate program change for the interdisciplinary program of Space and Planetary Sciences – SPACMS –

MS, Space and Planetary Sciences - ([Table 1](#), Attachment [1P](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 18, 2008.

14. Proposed graduate program change for the interdisciplinary program of Space and Planetary Sciences – SPACPH – PhD, Space and Planetary Sciences - ([Table 1](#), Attachment [1Q](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 18, 2008.

15. Proposed graduate program change for the proposed interdisciplinary certificate program – PROFGC - Preparing for the Professorate - ([Table 1](#), Attachments [1R](#) and [1S](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Program Committee on November 21, 2008 and the Graduate Council on December 18, 2008.

The consent agenda was approved.

B. Item #32 removed from December Consent Agenda

"32." Proposed change to modify Academic Grievance Procedures for Graduate Students as requested by the Faculty Senate approved by the Graduate Council on November 20, 2008. ([Attachment One](#)).

Item #32 was approved.

C. For future Consideration

Final Exam Policy. Students who have three or more final exams scheduled on one day will be allowed reschedule one of the exams. This policy outlines the procedure and limitations in that process. We are soliciting your comments before the next Executive committee meeting.

[Proposed Final Exam Policy](#)

D. Candidates for Honorary degrees (Motion from the Honorary Degree Committee) The Senate convenes as a Committee of the Whole for this item.

The Faculty Senate moved into executive session to discuss honorary degree candidates.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.