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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

February 11, 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, Parry, Scheide, Freund, Brady, Kral, Rhoads; (WCOB) Bouwman, Ellstrand, Hardgrave; (EDHP) Stegman, Dibrezzo, Smith; (ENGR) Heymsfield; (LAW) Killenbeck; (LIBR) Zou; (At-Large) Curington, Goodstein, James, Jensen, Gay, Murphy, Riggs, Turner, T. Jensen.

Senators (admin): McMath.

Absent

Officers:

Senators (elected): (ARCH); (AFLS) Evans, Rom; (ARSC) Comfort, Turner, DeCoster, Yang, Spiegel, Van Brahana; (WCOB) ; (EDHP) Hagstrom; (ENGR) Deaton, Hall; (LIBR) ; (At-Large) Robinson, Starks, Salisbury, Martin.

Senators (admin): Gearhart, Verma, Shannon, Schwab, Worrell, Beene Ballard, Greenwood, Saxena, Geren, Nance, Henderson Allen, McCray, Lewis.

I. Call to Order: Inza Fort, Chair

The meeting was called 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 January, 2009.

[January 14, 2009](#)

The minutes were approved.

V. Reports

A. Provost's Report

The Provost reported on the following:

- *The 2009 Ice Storm - The Provost thanked the many individuals who helped during the ice storm and its aftermath. It appears that the storm will cost the campus and the division of agriculture property a combined total of \$800,000. It is hoped that we will qualify for FEMA funds would would help to cover 75% of the costs; insurance will help as well.*
- *The Provost reiterated that we were closed on Thursday and Friday of the ice strom because there were still many tree limbs down, and others coming down, all over campus. Thousands of faculty, staff and students were still without heat and electricity. The administration felt it best that students go home to their families for the remainder of the week.*
- *Razalert worked well during the ice storm considering that KUAF was down as well as electricity during the early days of the storm.*
- *The Provost also stated that he is not convinced that it is a good idea to rely on the television as a resource for closings and so forth. Some confusion did result.*
- *The Provost is still working with the Center for Educational Access to find solutions to accommodate students with special needs and testing.*

- *The Commission on Affordability and Cost Containment is seeking feedback from units on how they will work to control costs. [Document](#)*
- *Johnetta Brazzell has now retired and Daniel Pugh is the Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. a Task Force is in place to explore the future direction of Student Affairs and how it fits into this institution. Across the nation, about 50% are free standing programs and 50% are a part of Academic Affairs. Chancellor Gearhart is leaning toward the Academic Affairs model.*

C. Chair's Report

Inza Fort reported on the following:

- *Thank you to the Executive Committee - it is a good committee and they serve the faculty very well!*
- *Chair-Elect Allison and Chair Fort have been busy attending meetings with the Chancellor and Provost as well as meetings of the Board of Trustees. In the most recent meeting with the Board, Chancellor Gearhart presented the needs of the campus (building needs) to the Board and the request to allocate the \$2 per credit hour facility fee from the purchase of the high school toward building upgrades.*
- *There is a strong feeling that the Board will be hesitant to raise tuition on any campus.*
- *The Chancellor has developed a Veteran's Task Force to address course issues.*
- *The Chair expressed great delight with the open and honest meetings that take place regularly with the Chancellor and Provost.*
- *The Chair expressed thanks to the leadership of the campus for decisions made during the 2009 Ice Storm and also thanks to Carter Ford for the clean-up activity on campus.*
- *Faculty Governance Elections are soon to take place; please consider individuals who would be strong leaders for our campus.*

VI. Old Business

A. 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](#)

Six amendments were proposed to the policy and each amendment was voted on separately:

- 1) Remove the word "request", third word, third line. Amendment passed.*
- 2) Line four, change "a copy" to "an official copy". Amendment passed.*
- 3) remove "to the professor whose course has the highest course number" and replace with "to the professors of those classes involved to see if one will voluntarily move the exam." Amendment passed.*
- 4) Last line; they may appeal to the instructor's department chair [insert] and request a meeting with the Chair and the professor. Amendment failed. Yes - 8; No - 12; Abstain - 6.*
- 5) Change all references of two exams to three exams and all references to three exams to four exams. Amendment failed. A count was called for but not recorded.*
- 6) In the first line, restate "During the last week of classes or finals week," Amendment failed.*

The policy passed as amended. A count was called for Y - 13; N - 10.

Final Exam Policy as Amended and Approved:

During finals week, students are required to sit for no more than 2 final exams in a single calendar day period. Students with three or more finals in a single calendar day period have the right to an alternative exam date (s) for each exam exceeding two. They must submit a formal request for an alternative date in writing, along with an official copy of their class schedule for verification purposes, to the professors of those classes involved to see if one will voluntarily move the exam. Exams in classes with lower course numbers (e.g., ARHS 1003) take precedence over those with higher numbers (e.g., MGMT 3563). Requests must be submitted on or before the last day to drop a full semester class or classes with a mark of "W". Professors will provide the student with an alternative exam date and time no later than one week after the last day to drop a full semester class or classes with a mark of "W". Unless otherwise agreed upon by the student, all

rescheduled final exams are to take place during the university designated final exam dates and times. If a student has an objection to the alternative exam date/time, they may appeal to the instructor's department chair.

VII. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

The following items are referred to the Faculty Senate for review and action by the University Course and Programs Committee and the Graduate Council:

1. Undergraduate course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on January 23, 2009: [Table A](#).
2. Graduate and Dual credit course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 19, 2008 and the Graduate Council on January 15, 2009: [Table B](#) and [Table C](#).
3. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Graduate School – Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Programs – Microelectronics-Photonics – MEPH-M, Minor Microelectronics-Photonics ([Table 1](#), [Attachment 1A](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on January 23, 2009.
4. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Engineering – Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering – CENGBS, BS Computer Engineering ([Table 1](#), [Attachment 2A](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on January 23, 2009.
5. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Engineering – Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering – CSCEBS, BS Computer Science ([Table 1](#), [Attachment 2B](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on January 23, 2009.
6. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Engineering – Department of Electrical Engineering – ELEGBS, BS Electrical Engineering ([Table 1](#), [Attachment 2C](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on January 23, 2009.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at a time much later than anticipated!