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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

October 14, 2009, 3:30 p.m.
ENGR 209

Neil Allison, Chair
Linda Jones, Secretary
Minutes Status: **Approved**

Roll Call:

Present

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

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Wall; (ALFS) Karcher, Miller, Rom, Ahrendsen, Savin; (ARSC) Behrend, Comfort, Turner, Parry, Landman, Scheide, Grob-Fitzgibbon, Freund, Brady, Kral, Rhoads, Van Brahana; (WCOB); (EDHP) Stegman, Dibrezzo, Smith-Nix; (ENGR) Hall; (LAW) Brummer; (LIBR) Kirkwood; (At-Large) Curington, Fort, Whayne, Gay, Murphy, Riggs, Johnson, Billings, Salisbury, Martin, Jensen.

Senators (admin): Gaber, Henderson Allen, McMath, Lewis.

Absent

Officers:

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Wall; (AFLS) Milus; (ARSC) Shobe; (WCOB) Bouwman, Ellstrand, Hardgrave; (EDHP) Kissinger; (ENGR) Gordon, Heymsfield; (LIBR); (At-Large) Allen, Turner.

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

I. Call to Order: Neil Allison, Chair

Meeting was called to order at 3:30

II. Roll Call

Roll was called

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from September 9, 2009.

[September 9, 2009](#)

The minutes were approved.

V. Reports

A. Provost Sharon Gaber - *The Provost reported on the following:*

- *Our budget does not look good; if it does not pick up somehow, we may have to give 3.5 million back to the state.*
- *Still optimistic about hiring new faculty, one million dollars would allow for 12 faculty; a significant investment.*
- *Hoping for merit raises and should have some indication as to whether or not this is possible this month.*
- *Aware of the need for more faculty and for responsible growth.*
- *Continuing to examine student course evaluations.*
- *Developed a task force to study how to improve six year graduation rate; considering also an on-line audit check list for students.*
- *Searches continue for Dean of Education and Health Professions; healthy pool to select from. We are to encourage individuals to apply for the Dean of the Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences so as to have a robust pool to select from. The search for the new Dean of the Graduate School and International Education is also underway; please get the word out!*
- *Need to work on guidelines for acceptance of students/courses at the AA and AS levels, Act 182 and viability.*
- *COACHE survey based at Harvard. Our first time to participate is this year. Letters are going out to pre-tenured faculty. This survey will tell us where we can make improvements in the pre-tenure process.*

B. Senate Chair, Neil Allison - *The chair reported on the following:*

- *The Chair of the Faculty Senate and the Chair of the Faculty attended the Executive Committee Retreat at Winrock in mid September*
- *Traveled to Lexington, KY for an SEC Faculty Leadership meeting - SECAC. Will meet at LSU in the spring; Fall 2010, we will host the SECAC meeting. Learned at this meeting that only Arkansas remained in the black; all other SEC schools have had to cut teaching positions. South Carolina faced a 25% cut.*
- *Working with the Center for Educational Access to discuss ways to help students who need additional time to take exams beyond the regular class period.*
- *COIA - tom Jensen has been the representative for the U of A. We need a new representative and welcome nominations.*
- *If you have any questions with regards campus facilities, please contact Mike Johnson, mrj03@uark.edu or visit the web site: fama.uark.edu*

VI. Old Business

HNED 4913H, Politics and Literature, Tabled September 9, 2009

Motion made to vote against this course; motion passed.

VII. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

1. Undergraduate course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on September 25, 2009: [Table A](#).
2. Graduate and Dual credit course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on August 28, 2009 and the Graduate Council on September 17, 2009: [Table B](#) and [Table C](#).
3. There are no program change proposals being forwarded for consideration.

Motion to accept Consent Agenda passed.

VIII. Announcements

Light-Rail Systems Lecture - 282 Bell Engineering, 6 p.m., October 20th.

Honorary Degree Nominations due October 31; please contact Curt Rom.

Campus Faculty Meeting, November 3, 3:30 p.m., Giffels Auditorium.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.