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November 11, 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); (ALFS) Karcher, Miller, Ahrendsen, Savin; (ARSC) Behrend, Comfort, Turner, Landman, Scheide, Shobe, Freund, Brady, Kral, Rhoads, Van Brahana; (WCOB) Bouwman; (EDHP) Stegman, Dibrezzo, Smith-Nix; (ENGR) Gordon, Hall, Heymsfield; (LAW); (LIBR) Kirkwood; (At-Large) Curington, Fort, Whayne, Gay, Murphy, Riggs, Johnson, Turner, Salisbury, Martin, Jensen.

Senators (admin): Gaber, Geren, Henderson Allen.

Absent

Officers:

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Wall; (AFLS) Milus, Rom; (ARSC) Parry, Grob-Fitzgibbon; (WCOB) Ellstrand, Hardgrave; (EDHP) Kissinger; (ENGR); (LAW) Brummer; (LIBR); (At-Large) Allen, Billings.

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

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 amended to correct Tom Jensen's report (Not COIA but Financial Advisory Committee). Amended agenda approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from October 14, 2009.

[October 14, 2009](#)

The minutes were amended to indicate that Doug Behrend was present at the October meeting. Amended minutes approved.

V. Reports

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

- *Improvement of Graduation Rates Task Force - Chaired by Saxena and Hodges. 2008 graduation rate up to 59%. Hope to do better.*
- *Course Evaluations under review by an ad-hoc committee. Exploring what other schools are doing and trying to identify better evaluation instruments.*
- *Decision to separate freshmen and transfer orientation sessions. This will begin this summer.*
- *College of Education and Health Professions - Five candidates are coming to campus in November and December for more in depth interviews.*
- *The Graduate School positions - getting close to bringing a group of candidates to campus for interviews.*
- *Bumpers College of Food, Agriculture and Life Sciences - Preparing to do phone interviews.*

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

- *Faculty Raises - Chancellor is concerned and is looking at ways to offer raises next year.*
- *ACT 182 - Great concerns as to what will happen to the Core.*

- *Time clocks vary across campus; a study is underway to see how this can be alleviated.*
- *Including a course in diversity as a part of the Core is currently under discussion.*
- *The Board of Trustees Meeting takes place Friday, November 13, in Fayetteville.*
- *Ro is need of assistance in identifying individuals to serve on the All University Conduct Board. Please contact Ro if interested in serving.*

C. Tom Jensen, Financial Advisory Committee - [See Attached Report](#)

D. Mike Johnson, Facilities - [See Attached Report](#)

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

The following items are referred to the Faculty Senate for review and action at its meeting scheduled for November 11, 2009:

1. Undergraduate and School of Law course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on October 23, 2009: [Table A](#) & [Table C](#).
2. Graduate credit course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on September 25, 2009 and the Graduate Council on October 22, 2009: [Table B](#).
3. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions – Department of Curriculum and Instruction – ELEDBS – BSE, Childhood Education ([Table 1](#), [Attachment 1A](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on October 23, 2009.
4. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions – Department of Health Science, Kinesiology, Recreation and Dance – KINSBS – BSE, Kinesiology ([Table 1](#), [Attachment 1B](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on October 23, 2009.
5. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Curriculum and Instruction – MUEDME - MED, Music Education ([Table 2](#), [Attachment 2A](#) and [Attachment 2B](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on September 25, 2009 and the Graduate Council on October 23, 2009.

Motion to approve passes.

VIII. Announcements

The ASG is examining classroom sustainability. The attached proposal presents their ideas. Please contact the ASG to offer suggestions, comments and so on: wfleming@uark.edu

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IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.