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## Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting, January 13, 2010

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**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting**

January 13, 2010, 3:30 p.m.  
ENGR 209

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

**Roll Call:**

**Present**

Officers: Allison, Jones, Brady, DiBrezzo, Freund

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

Senators (admin): Gearhart, Gaber, Verma, Schwab, Worrell, Smith, Saxena, Geren, Henderson Allen, McMath, Lewis.

**Absent**

Officers: Rupe

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Wall; (AFLS) Karcher; (ARSC) Rhoads; (WCOB) Hardgrave; (EDHP); (ENGR) Hall, Heymsfield; (LAW); (LIBR); (At-Large) Curington, Johnson, Turner.

Senators (admin): Shannon, Beene Ballard.

**Agenda  
Faculty Senate  
January 13, 2010  
ENGR 209  
3:30 pm**

I. Call to Order: Neil Allison, Chair

*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 December 09, 2009.

[December 09, 2009](#)

*The minutes were approved.*

V. Reports

A. Chancellor's Report, David Gearhart

*Chancellor Gearhart met with us today to openly discuss with us the current issue; the university was notified this week that we received a 2.6 million dollar cut. This latest cut is of particular challenge to us. He wanted to stimulate conversation to better ascertain what direction to go in with the recent budget cut. He will also meet with the staff senate and the deans in the very near future and will not make a decision until the issue is discussed with all groups. The Chancellor is still committed to salaries, to making progress, to giving us all raises; will do all he can. Enrollment numbers are still good and that helps us.*

*The Chancellor presented several options currently under consideration and invited us to offer additional options:*

*1) Reallocation - He would ask Deans, Vice Chancellors and all budget units to give back 2.5% for reallocation between now and the end of the fiscal year.*

*2) Reserves - Use as much of these as possible. The problem, however, is that there is very little that remains in the*

reserves.

3) *Furloughs - To completely remove the loss of 2.6 million dollars, we each would need to take five days of furlough at the rate of \$500,000.00 per day. Not all would be asked to do so, in particular those who make less than \$25,000.00.*

4) *A combination of all of the above.*

*The floor was opened to all in attendance and other suggestions were made:*

1) *Hiring freeze - this is hard to do because we are so far behind in terms of faculty/student needs.*

2) *Though there is resistance to this, an increase in tuition.*

3) *What about a one time student fee?*

4) *A one time furlough with the money returned in the next fiscal year.*

5) *Close the university one or more days; close collectively to save on electricity and so on.*

6) *Investigate the use of summer revenues.*

7) *Suspend recruiting/TV advertisement for a while.*

8) *Request volunteer donations or a gift campaign.*

*Agreement was reached that those who make \$25,000 and below should not be included in a furlough.*

#### B. Provost's Report, Sharon Gaber

- *The Provost stated that any furloughs suggested by one college would include all colleges; all will furlough or none will furlough.*
- *Two candidates remain in the search for the Dean of the College of Education and Health Professions.*
- *Four candidates remain in the search for Dean of the Graduate School and International Education*
- *Five candidates remain in the search for Dean of Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences.*
- *The search for the Vice Provost of Research and Economic Development continues.*
- *APT packets are under review*
- *Completion of the COACHE survey is ahead of all other schools participating. Survey closes January 31st. Please encourage all pre-tenure faculty to complete the survey.*
- *U of A - selected as one of twenty-six model institutions for preparing science teachers. Gay Stewart, in physics, is a tremendous leader in science teacher education at the U of A.*

#### C. Update, Facilities Management, Mike Johnson

[Report](#)

#### D. Senate Chair's Report, Neil Allison

*A student from the University of South Carolina, Amber Stegelin-Fallucca, will email us all to conduct a survey on faculty governance. Please be on the look out for the email from her; she does have UA IRB approval.*

#### 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 January 13, 2010 ([Key](#)):

1. Undergraduate and School of Law course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 18, 2009: [Table A](#) & [Table D](#).
2. Graduate and Dual credit course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on November 20, 2009 and the Graduate Council on December 17, 2009: [Table B](#) and [Table C](#).
3. Courses inactive for more than 3-years – To Remain Inactive: [Table E](#). Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on November 20, 2009 and the Graduate Council on December 17, 2009.

4. Courses inactive for more than 3- years – To Be Deleted: [Table F](#). Approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on November 20, 2009 and the Graduate Council on December 17, 2009.
5. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences – School of Human Environmental Sciences – HESCBS - BS, Human Environmental Sciences ([Table 1](#), Attachments [1A](#), [1B](#) and [1C](#)) were approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 18, 2009.
6. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Walton College of Business – Department of Accounting – ACCT-M – Minor in Accounting for Business Students ([Table 2](#), [Attachment 2D](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 18, 2009.
7. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Walton College of Business – Department of Accounting – WACT-M – Minor in Accounting for Non-Business Students ([Table 2](#), [Attachment 2E](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 18, 2009.
8. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Walton College of Business – Department of Economics – INTBBB – BSIB, International Business, Accounting Concentration ([Table 2](#), [Attachment 2F](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 18, 2009.
9. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Engineering – Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering – BENGBS – BS, Biological Engineering ([Table 3](#), [Attachment 3A](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 18, 2009.
10. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Engineering – Department of Electrical Engineering – ELEGBS – BS, Electrical Engineering ([Table 3](#), [Attachment 3B](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 18, 2009.
11. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Engineering – Department of Industrial Engineering – INEGBS – BS, Industrial Engineering ([Table 3](#), [Attachment 3C](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 18, 2009.
12. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Drama – DRAMMA – MA, Drama ([Table 4](#), Attachments [4A](#) and [4B](#)) was approved without opposition by the University Course and Programs Committee on November 20, 2009 and the Graduate Council on December 17, 2009.
13. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Mathematical Sciences – MATHMS – MS, Mathematics ([Table 4](#), [Attachment 4C](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 17, 2009.
14. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Accounting – ACCTMA – MACC, Accounting ([Table 4](#), [Attachment 4D](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 17, 2009.
15. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Economics – ECONMA – MA, Economics ([Table 4](#), [Attachment 4E](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 17, 2009.
16. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Economics – ECONPH - PhD, Economics ([Table 4](#), [Attachment 4F](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 17, 2009.
17. Proposed graduate program change for the Graduate School of Business – Academic Dismissal and Probation Policy ([Table 4](#), [Attachment 4G](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 17, 2009.
18. Proposed graduate program change for the Grievance Policy for Graduate Assistants ([Table 4](#), [Attachment 4H](#)) was approved without opposition by the Graduate Council on December 17, 2009.

*Approved.*

#### VIII. Announcements

*Tom Jensen will travel to San Diego to attend the COICA meeting. It was requested that Tom talk with the other institutions present about the use of an athletic fee.*

#### IX. Adjourn

*The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.*