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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

February 16, 2011, 3:30 p.m.
ENGR 209

Ro DiBrezzo, Chair
Linda Jones, Secretary
Minutes Status: **Approved**

Roll Call

Present:

Officers: DiBrezzo, Freund, Jones, Kral, Gay

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Wall; (ALFS) Karcher, Milus, Ahrendsen; (ARSC) Comfort, Turner, Parry, Landman, Scheide, Arenberg, Stites, Rhoads, Van Brahana; (WCOB) Bouwman, Ellstrand, Jensen; (EDHP) Kissinger, Deggs; (ENGR) Gordon; (LAW) Brummer; (LIBR) Kirkwood; (At-Large) Fort, Allen, Gay, Murphy, Johnson, Billings, Allison, Salisbury.

Senators (admin): Gearhart, Gaber, J. Rankin, Shields, Henderson-Allen, McMath, Lewis.

Absent:

Officers: Brady

Senators (elected): (ARCH); (AFLS) Savin, Burgos, Costello; (ARSC) Behrend, Shobe, Grob-Fitzgibbon, Nolan; (WCOB); (EDHP) Smith-Nix, Stegman; (ENGR) Hall, Beitle, Rossetti; (LAW); (LIBR); (At-Large) Curington, Whayne, Riggs, Margulis.

Senators (admin): Vayda, Shannon, Schwab, Worrell, P. Rankin, Smith, Saxena, Nance.

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I. Call to Order: Joel Freund, Vice Chair

The meeting was called to order (without chocolate) at 3:33.

II. Roll Call

Roll was called.

III. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was amended to place Chancellor Gearhart's report later in the reports section due to his late arrival from Little Rock. Amended agenda approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from January 19, 2011.

[Minutes](#)

The minutes from January 19, 2011 were approved.

V. Reports

A. Janine Parry (Benefits)

[Presentation](#)

Professor Parry reported on the Benefits Committee. See attached report above.

B. Tom Jensen (COIA)

[COAI 2011 Report](#)
[KCIA Report](#)

Professor Jensen reported on the recent COAI conference. See attached report above.

C. Chancellor David Gearhart

The Chancellor reported on the following:

- *These are trying times; we anticipate no increases to our budget and we are receiving less today than before due to the increase in enrollment on our campus;*
- *There are numerous legislative issues that can have tremendous impacts on our campus*
 - **Tax Cuts Proposed** - primarily on food but others are under discussion. Governor does not want to cut too much and risk harming Higher Education and Human Services. This is a huge issue with tremendous concerns.
 - **Davy Carter Bill** - this is a New Arkansan Non-Resident Tuition award. We currently give some high-qualifying out of state students in-state tuition. They must have an average Board Score of 28 and a 3.75 GPA. Most are from Texas. They are graduating and staying in Arkansas. Working on this to ensure we can continue to offer this program to well-deserving students.
 - **Undocumented students/Support for Dream Act** - we are on record as supporting the Dream Act. We believe that undocumented students have the right to primary, secondary and higher education.
 - **Jimmy Jeffress** - Proposal to do away with Amendment 33. We are fighting this as we prefer our own governing board as this gives us some independent protection. If this Amendment is done away with, then legislators will have direct oversight of higher education.
 - **Performance Funding Measures Bill** - We are okay with this as we are doing well on performance. What is not clear is at what point does the time table begin; now or back a few years?
 - **Representative Roebuck** - Transfer Course Numbering. We are not sure of some of the measures of this proposal and are concerned that it propose a 120 hour limit on majors which is lower than our requirements. We will fight this bill.
 - **Guns on Campus** - We are opposed to this!
 - **Remediation** - There is a push in the legislature to disallow four year institutions from providing remediation. We are opposed to this. We believe that we ought to be able to help a student who needs remediation. We have about a 5% remediation rate.
- *Board of Trustees has approved our Bond issue. We will continue to engage in further facilities renewal.*
- *Enrollment of Fall 2011 expected to be 23,000! We have had a 24.61% increase in new freshmen applications, a 23.61% increase in African American students and a 26% increase in Hispanics.*
- *Dorm issues on campus are encouraging Administration to consider returning Hotz Hall to a residence facility.*
- *The Vice Provost for Research and Economic Development is soon to move into their new quarters.*
- *We have received a new Carnegie Classification ranking - We are now rated at the highest level, a Very High Research University! Hurrah!!!*
- *Funding Raising - We have raised 64.5 million. This is a 42% increase!*
- *The YOU of A campaign is going very, very well!*
- *2012 Budget - not sure what we will do at this point; it depends a great deal on what happens with the legislature. There are concerns.*

D. Ro DiBrezzo, Chair

Professor DiBrezzo reported on the following:

- *She will attend the Chancellor's retreat in late March and will present again to his Administrative Policy Council*
- *We still continue to work on Academic Integrity and are moving toward examining the Grievance Policy*
- *Snow cancellations have required us to move early progress reports to a later date. Also, the drop date has been moved to the end of the 11th week.*
- *Academic Standards is examining a proposed change to the drop date. Currently it is in the 10th week and Admissions would like to see it later in the semester.*

VI. Old Business

Steve Sheppard, Honorary Degree Policy Recommendations

At our January meeting, Professor Sheppard spoke of several policy recommendations with regards the Honorary Degree Committee. Briefly, they spoke of concerns with Board Policy 505.3; they seek to have the Chancellor waive the requirement that an honorary degree recipient also be expected to be a speaker at commencement; they seek clearer language on the merits and expectations of potential recipients. The link below provides these recommendations.

[Policy Recommendations](#)

Recommendations approved.

VII. New Business

A. The following items are referred to the Faculty Senate for review and action at its meeting scheduled for February 9, 2011:

1. Undergraduate course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on January 28, 2011: [Table A](#).
2. Graduate credit course change proposals - None
3. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences – School of Human Environmental Sciences – FHNHBS – BSHEs, Food, Human Nutrition and Hospitality - Hospitality & Restaurant Management Concentration ([Table One](#), Attachments [1A](#) and [1A-1](#)).
4. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions, Department of Curriculum and Instruction - CHEDBS –BSE, Childhood Education ([Table Two](#), Attachment [2A](#)).
5. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions, Department of Curriculum and Instruction - ELELBS –BSE, Elementary Education ([Table Two](#), Attachments [2B](#) and [2B-1](#)).
6. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions, Department of Curriculum and Instruction - ELELBS –BSE, Elementary Education ([Table Two](#), Attachment [2C](#)).
7. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions, Department of Health Science, Kinesiology, Recreation and Dance - KINSBS –BSE, Kinesiology – Exercise Physiology/Bio mechanics and Exercise Science Fitness Specialist Concentrations ([Table Two](#), Attachments [2D](#), [2D-1](#) and [2D-2](#)).
8. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions, Department of Health Science, Kinesiology, Recreation and Dance - HLSCBS –BSE, Health Science ([Table Two](#), Attachments [2E](#) and [2E-1](#)).
9. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions, Eleanor Mann School of Nursing, - NURSBS –BSN, Nursing ([Table Two](#), Attachment [2F](#)).

Consent Agenda approved.

VIII. Announcements

Campus Council Meeting, 3:30 p.m., March 8 (T), Giffels Auditorium

Campus Faculty Meeting - 3:30 p.m., March 29 (T), Giffels Auditorium

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned.