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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

February 13, 2013, 3:30 p.m.

ENGR 209

Tim Kral, Chair

Linda Jones, Secretary

Minutes Status: **Approved**

Roll Call

Present:

Officers: Kral, L. Jones, Brady, Parry, Gay

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Wall; (ALFS) Rom, Savin, Pereira, Ogbeide; (ARSC) Kral, Freund, Comfort, Harrington, Parry, Landman, Christiansen, Grob-Fitzgibbon, Foley, Schriver, Rhoads, Sonn, Zajicek; (WCOB) Miles, Ellstrand, Myers; (EDHP) Murphy, Orr, Hewitt, Mamiseishvili; (ENGR) Hall, Rossetti; (LAW) Brummer; (LIBR) Lehman; (At-Large) Johnson, Fort, Whayne, Parker Gibson, Dennis, Jensen, Jones, Quinn, Allison.

Senators (admin): Gaber, Martin, Rankin, Shields, Henderson Allen, Lewis.

Absent:

Officers: C. Jones, Rosenkrans

Senators (elected): (ARCH); (AFLS) Burgos, Ahrendsen; (ARSC) Shobe, McIntosh; (WCOB); (EDHP) ; (ENGR) McCann, Beitle; (LAW) ; (LIBR); (At-Large) Rupe.

Senators (admin): Gearhart, Vayda, Shannon, Roberts, Jones, Smith, Martin, Leeds, McMath.

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I. Call to Order: Timothy Kral, Chair

The 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 [January 16, 2013](#).

The minutes were approved.

V. Reports

A. Provost Sharon Gaber

The Provost reported on the following:

- Two finalists remain for the position of Dean of Engineering. A decision is expected in early March.
- A mobile app for completing teacher evaluations is available to students. Teachers can have students complete the evaluation in class; the teacher cannot be present in the classroom when this happens. This can help teachers to receive a better response rate on their courses.
- The Steering Committee on Accreditation for the University is now meeting; Janine Parry is the Faculty Senate representative. The team is meeting with Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Dr. DiBrezzo.
- The Provost has asked that certain teaching awards be pushed back a bit in terms of timing. Also, the Alumni has been asked to add an additional award - the Alumni Rising Teacher Award.
- The Promotion and Tenure process is now complete. One faculty member appealed their denial of tenure to the Board of Trustees level. This is the first time this has occurred since 1985. Such events remind us that we must maintain our expectations of faculty and follow through with them.

B. Tim Kral, FS Chair

The Faculty Senate Chair reported on the following:

- Reserve March 27th for a campus-wide forum in Giffels Auditorium. The Provost and the Chancellor will be there to answer faculty questions and concerns. 3:30 p.m.
- Both Tim Kral and Janine Parry wrote to the President and the Board of Trustees to voice concerns with regards the U of A System distance education degree. President Bobbitt will be here on March 13th to

discuss this degree and distance education. The Faculty Senate will meet at 3:30 for the first half hour; the entire faculty will be welcome to come in at 4 p.m. More information forthcoming.

- *Because of the health care switch, the mental health coverage has become a very serious issue. Our coverage is significantly lower now than what we previously had with QualChoice. Efforts are underway to try and resolve this unfortunate situation.*

VI. Old Business

A. Revised Sexual Misconduct Procedures

[Revised Procedures 1/9/13](#)

Approved

B. Teaching Council Charges Report

Recommendations: [Charge 1](#), [Charge 2](#), [Charge 3](#), [Charge 4](#)

Charge 1

Call for the Question - Vote to stop discussion - Vote failed.

Amendment to strike the last sentence - The final examination period is thus to be reserved for the final assessment of student performance.

Amendment to amendment to strike the following - Since a final examination is an assessment of student performance, it may take many of the traditional forms (e.g. comprehensive exam, exam over the material presented since the last exam, etc.); however, the final examination is designated as the last assessment of student performance and must be given at the times specified in the schedule.

Amendment to Amendment passed

Amended Amendment passed

Amendment to combine the first and third sentences followed by the second sentence to state: All final examinations must be given at times scheduled within the official final examination period designated for the course. A final examination represents the final assessment of each student's knowledge of the subject material within a course.

Amendment passed

First Charge, as amended, passed.

Charge II

Tim Kral granted extreme authority to clean up language related to Campus Council

Motion passed

Charge III

No motion

Charge IV

Amendment to add "used effectively by my instructor".

Amendment passed

Motion to accept amended evaluation question failed.

VII. New Business

A. Resolution regarding concealed weapons on campus.

[Faculty Resolution](#) - Co sponsors - Steve Boss, Nilda Burgos, Sidney Burris, Tess Gibson, Linda Jones, Tim Kral, Deb Kulczak, Richard Lee, Kathleen Lehman, Rebecca Miles, Necia Parker-Gibson, Janine Parry, Bill Quinn, Curt Rom, Marcia Shobe.

Link to Presidents for Gun Safety: <http://collegepresidentsforgunsafety.org/>

Motion to support resolution passed.

B. The following items are referred by the University Course and Programs Committee and/or the Graduate Council for review and action by the Faculty Senate at its meeting scheduled for February 13, 2013:

1. Course Change Proposals:

a. Undergraduate and School of Law course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on January 25, 2013: [Table A](#) and [Table D](#).

b. Graduate and Dual credit course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 14, 2012 and the Graduate Council on January 17, 2013: [Table B](#) and [Table C](#).

c. [University Perspectives Sample Syllabus](#)

The final item from Table, UNIV 1001, was pulled from the course change proposals. All other courses were approved.

UNIV 1001 was approved.

2. Undergraduate Graduate Program Change Proposals:

a. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness - AGBSBS – BSA, Agricultural Business, all concentrations ([Table One](#), Attachments [1A](#), [1A-1](#), [1A-2](#), [1A-3](#), [1A-4](#), [1A-5](#) and [1A-6](#)).

b. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, Department of Agricultural and Extension Education – Name change to Department of Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology ([Table One](#), Attachments [1B](#) and [1B-1](#)). For Information Only

3. Graduate Program Change Proposals:

a. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Economics – ECONPH – PhD, Economics ([Table Two](#), [Attachment 2A](#)).

All other consent agenda items were approved.

VIII. Announcements

Happy Valentines Day!

Two important meetings on the horizon - Meeting with Don Bobbitt, March 13th, TBA. Meeting with Chancellor and Provost, March 27th, Giffels Auditorium, 3:30 p.m.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:34.