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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

February 12, 2014, 3:30 p.m.
ENGR 209

Janine Parry, Chair
Linda Jones, Secretary
Minutes Status: **Approved**

Roll Call

Present:

Officers: Parry, Kral, Jones, Brady, Rupe, McComas

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Webb; (ALFS) Ahrendsen, Savin, Pereira, Ogbeide; (ARSC) Freund, Gigantino, Korth, Parry, Scheide, Christiansen, Senior, Rhoads, Sonn; (WCOB) Miles, Gupta, Myers; (EDHP) Montgomery, Schmidtke, Mamiseishvili; (ENGR) McCann, Hall; (LAW) Beard; (LIBR); (At-Large) Murphy, Fort, Parker-Gibson, Gay, Dennis, Jensen, Kral, Shobe, Allison.

Senators (admin): Gaber, Rankin, McCray, Reyes, Jones, McMath, Lewis.

Absent:

Officers: Rosenkrans

Senators (elected): (ARCH); (AFLS) Rom, Burgos; (ARSC) McIntosh, Foley, Schriver, Wayne, White, Zajicek; (WCOB); (EDHP) Hewitt; (ENGR) Rossetti, Beitle; (LAW); (LIBR) Lehman; (At-Large) Quinn.

Senators (admin): Gearhart, Di Brezzo, Van Laningham, Pugh, Vayda, Goodstein-Murphree, Shields (2), Smith, English, Leeds, Henderson Allen.

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I. Call to Order: Janine Parry, Chair

Meeting called to order at 3:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll called.

III. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from [January 15, 2014](#)

Minutes approved.

V. Reports

A. Sharon Gaber, Provost

The Provost presented on the following:

Dean Search Committee Updates:

- *Fulbright Dean Interviews continue*
- *Architecture has brought in three candidates - a recommendation is forthcoming.*
- *Honors College - Javier Reyes is the Chair of the committee; search is now underway*

Board of Trustees FOIA Policy - Mark Rushing is our FOIA point of contact in University Relations. An FOIA info-sheet is in the works to help clarify the policy.

B. Dennis Brewer, IT Services

Dr. Brewer presented a test site of the new syllabus repository, set to go online by Fall 2014. ASG requested access to a syllabus bank. A test site has been established with currently a minimal number of items available (type Brewer and you will see examples). Eventually, one would be able to search by name, search by course and see syllabuses - syllabus.uark.edu Faculty can place as much or as little online as desired.

C. Janine Parry, FS Chair

The Chair reported on the following:

- *Academic Standards - Busy; report forthcoming regarding the feasibility of +/- grades, the D-rule, and the Probation and Dismissal Policy.*
- *Benefits - What happens to Professors with children who are ill? Benefits is looking into a Nanny Service!! Also, looking into an Energy Healing Program; the Clinton School is adopting this - would allow for low-interest loans to help individuals make their homes more energy efficient.*
- *Teaching Council - Examining a Required Attendance Policy*
- *UCPC - Looking at changes to the University Perspectives course and alternatives to help it count.*
- *UASuccess - Let's all pay more attention to this! - uasuccess.uark.edu*

VI. Old Business

A. Curt Rom Teaching Council-Grade Appeal Process Review- Susan Bristow

[Attachment 1](#) - [Attachment 2](#)

Motion passed.

VII. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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 12, 2014:

1. Course Change Proposals ([Key](#)):

a. Undergraduate course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on January 24, 2014: [Table A](#)

b. Graduate credit course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 13, 2013 and the Graduate Council on January 16, 2014: [Table B](#)

2. Undergraduate Program Change Proposals - None

3. Graduate Program Change Proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on December 13, 2013 and the Graduate Council on January 16, 2014:

a. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Technology – AEEDMS – MS, Agricultural and Extension Education ([Table One](#), [Attachment 1A](#)).

b. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Agriculture Economics and Agribusiness - AGECMS – MS, Agricultural Economics ([Table One](#), [Attachment 1B](#)).

c. Proposed graduate program change for the School of Human Environmental Sciences - HESCMS – MS, Human Environmental Sciences ([Table One](#), [Attachment 1C](#)).

d. Proposed graduate program change for the HESCMS – MS, Human Environmental Sciences, Non-Thesis Option Online Delivery ([Table One](#), [Attachments 1D](#) and [1D-1](#)).

e. Proposed graduate program change for the Graduate School and International Education – Interdisciplinary Programs - MEPHPH – PhD, Microelectronics-Photonics ([Table One](#), [Attachment 1E](#)).

All consent agenda items passed.

B. Committee of the Whole

Steve Sheppard and Honorary Degrees

VIII. Announcements

Campus Faculty Meeting - April 16, 3:30, location to be determined.

Campus Council Meeting - April 10, 3:30, Mullins 104.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting ended about 4:30 or so.