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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

September 10, 2014, 3:30 p.m.

ENGR 209

John Rupe, Chair

Linda Jones, Secretary

Minutes Status: **Approved**

Roll Call

Present:

Officers: Rupe, McComas, Parry, Jones, Brady, Allison, Savin

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Webb; (ALFS) Savin, Hensley, Ahrendsen; (ARSC) Gigantino, Korth, Parry, Scheide, Christiansen, McIntosh, Jones, Rhoads, White; (WCOB) Miles, Gupta, Myers; (EDHP) Montgomery Boyd, Schmidtke; (ENGR) McCann, Hall; (LAW) Beard; (LIBR) Lehman; (At-Large) Murphy, Fort, Johnson, Gay, Dennis, Jensen, Kral, Collet, Shobe, Allison, Jones

Senators (admin): Gearhart, Gaber, DiBrezza, Martin, Van Laningham, Reyes, Cromer, Fagg.

Absent:

Officers:

Senators (elected): (ARCH); (AFLS) Hettiarachchy, Southward; (ARSC) Freund, Senor, D'Alisera, Whayne, Restrepo, Zajicek; (WCOB); (EDHP) Moiseichik, Casey; (ENGR) Rossetti; (LAW); (LIBR); (At-Large).

Senators (admin): Rankin, McCray, Pugh, Vayda, MacKeith, Shields, Needy, Jones, Smith, English, Leeds, Henderson Allen, Rom, Harwood-Rom.

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I. Call to Order: John Rupe, Chair

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll called

III. Approval of Agenda

Slight modification to the agenda to allow Chancellor Gearhart to give a report. Agenda approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from [May 7, 2014](#)

Minutes approved.

V. Reports

A. Chancellor David Gearhart

The Chancellor reported on the following:

- *Introduction of two individuals:*
 - *Tim O'Donnell - Interim VC for Finance and Administration.*
 - *Randy Massanelli - Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations.*
- *Still committed to Top 50 campaign; working hard to reach this by 2021.*
- *Pleased with enrollment which is around 26,237. Feels we are a first choice; we have more Arkansas students this year. Graduate enrollment has increased and Law School looks good too.*
- *Need more faculty; hope we can continue to address this. Also, still committed to increasing faculty salaries.*
- *Achievement of diversity -- We are now at 19%. We have a 20% goal for 2021 but think we will meet this sooner.*
- *Still have more work to do to increase the graduation retention rate.*
- *Distance Education - very good! Pleased with the number of students taking courses online.*
- *Numerous renovation projects on campus - renovation of old gym; should be finished by September of next year and will host concerts, 600 folks to seat.*
- *Classroom building - Champions Hall. Built with funding from athletic dept. Should be ready next fall.*
- *Exploring a new executive hotel/conference center. It's in exploration phase; 30 million dollar program. BUT, issue, we don't want to use any university funds for this. It's possible... It's a viable possibility but more to examine before it takes place. Would have a 500 seat banquet room. Again, no decisions made.*
- *Still have several buildings that need to be renovated. The ENGR building needs to be renovated, Kimpel Hall, Fine Arts, Library and so on. Need more research space, business building needs renovation, need*

more playing fields. The Union, Memorial Hall, agriculture building, etc. Need new entrance signage. Working on some major capital campaigns; nothing to announce at this point.

- *Ended fiscal year in good shape; doing well. Did pay off some debt via reserves. Cash flow is good.*
- *Giving report to BOT on how the UA may approach the building renovation work. Private money will be one source.*

B. Provost Sharon Gaber

The Propose reported on the following:

- *Honors college and College of Education searches underway*
- *Office for Retention and Graduation will be led by Trevor Francis in conjunction with all of us on campus. Trevor will be the pivot person.*
- *Alice Griffin - the New Bill Warnock. Taking over for program review and assessment. The office itself is now in Institutional Research. So, review, assessment and research are now together.*
- *Graduation Rates - hope to announce that we have made some progress in the next couple of weeks. We believe we are moving in the right direction.*
- *Appreciate the attendance policy work with the Teaching Council. Tim Kral and Lori Holyfield - are conducting an attendance pilot study with clickers. Lots to resolve to determine if we want to do this in the future.*
- *We have some departments that are hiring faculty without the terminal degree. This is being tracked. If we have large numbers of faculty with MA's in depts with a PH.D. as the final degree, this is not so ideal. Have to think about the pros and cons of hiring lots of non-tenure track faculty... If we go up to 28K, we need to plan. We do need to think about what next year will look like!!*
- *44% of our classes have less than 20 students! Not too long ago this was 29%.*
- *Need to have the budget numbers before we know how many faculty we might be able to hire.*
- *Undergraduate to Graduate ratio is not yet known but we have had a record number of graduates to enroll this year. Hoping we are up to 17%. Still looking at the numbers.*

C. Vice Provost, Ro DiBrezzo, Faculty Development and Enhancement

Vice Provost DiBrezzo reported on the following:

- *Dr. DiBrezzo is proud to have Greg Stine working with her along with assistance from interns.*
- *Ro's 42nd year in the academy. Almost singularly focused now and it's a great feeling!*
- *Office of Faculty Development and Enhancement - Facultydev.uark.edu*
- *Purpose: Assist faculty with research, teaching and work-life balance.*
- *Focus: Create a supportive and encouraging environment for faculty members to grow professionally.*
- *Has read a lot about faculty development. Strongly believes we will have the strongest development program in the country in the not-too-distant future.*
- *Numerous [Development Projects](#) underway.*
- *Will send out surveys to see what faculty need to make the job easier.*
- *With over 1000 faculty, different priorities and different stages in their careers, supporting faculty in their development and enhancement is a bit like [herding cats!](#)*
- *Please let Ro know if you'd like her to attend a meeting and to be accessible for a conversation with depts, etc.... If you feel it'd be appropriate for a particular meeting, invite her!*

D. Kathleen Lehman, Teaching Council

[Current Attendance Policy in Faculty Handbook](#)

[Proposed Attendance Policy](#)

Just reporting from handouts today; no amendments or changes were made.

Vote will take place in October.

D. John Rupe, FS Chair

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

A. 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 September 10, 2014:

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

- a. Undergraduate course change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on August 8, 2014 - [Table A](#)
- b. Graduate and dual credit course change proposals approved by the University

Course and Programs Committee on August 8, 2014 and the Graduate Council on August 21, 2014 - [Table B](#) and [Table C](#)

2. Undergraduate Program Change Proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on August 8, 2014:

a. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Walton College of Business College Wide Graduation Requirement: Use of Correspondence Courses ([Table One](#), [Attachment 1A](#)).

b. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Walton College of Business, college Wide graduation Requirement: Walton College General Education Elective Requirements ([Table One](#), [Attachment 1B](#)).

Consent Agenda approved

B. Campus Council and Executive Committee Elections

The following were elected to Campus Council:

Jennifer Webb, Mary Savin, Bruce Ahrendsen, James Gigantino, Doug Rhoads, Jeannie Whayne, Janine Parry, Kathleen Lehman, Kevin Hall, Inza Fort, David Gay, Norm Dennis, Tim Kral, Neil Allison, Nina Gupta, Tom Jensen

The following were elected to the Executive Committee:

Jeannie Whayne, Kathleen Lehman, Doug Rhoads, Norm Dennis, Tim Kral

VIII. Announcements

On September 17th, from 10 AM to 1 PM in ARKU 507-508, the Office for Faculty Development and Enhancement will host the fall semester's first Faculty Enrichment Series. This month's topic will be University Perspectives: Destination Graduation. All are welcome at this "drop-in" event. Faculty and staff members who have previously taught University Perspectives will be available to discuss the course with those interested in teaching or simply learning more about it.

On September 18th at 2 PM, the Office for Faculty Development and Enhancement will be hosting a dedication of the Baum and Alumni Awards winners display just outside the student union food court. This display features photographs of the current year's award winners, and will be changed each year as new winners are announced. The Chancellor and the Provost will be giving some remarks acknowledging the efforts of the university's faculty and recognizing the awardees for 2014. All are welcome to attend the dedication ceremony, which will also include refreshments and door prizes.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:50.