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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

September 9, 2015, 3:30 p.m.
ENGR 209

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

Roll Call

Present:

Officers: Allison, Savin, Rupe, Jones, Brady, Pijanowski, Hall

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Jacobus; (ALFS) Tzanetakis, Shoulders, Ahrendsen Edgar; (ARSC) Freund, Gigantino, Bradley, Scheide, Christiansen, McIntosh, Jones, Rhoads, Bell, Restrepo, Zajicek, Kerr, Comfort; (WCOB) Delery, Peters; (EDHP) Hevel, Kavouras; (ENGR) Hall, Selvam, Rossetti; (LAW) Beard; (LIBR) Lehman; (At-Large) Murphy, Gay, Dennis, Kral, Salisbury, Korth, Allison, Jones, Johnson, Jensen, Collet

Senators (admin): Saxena, Di Brezzo, Rankin, Martin, McCray, Needy, Leeds, Henderson Allen, Cromer, Fagg

Absent:

Officers:

Senators (elected): (ARCH); (AFLS) Hettiarachchy ; (ARSC) Lee, Spiegel, D'Alisera; (WCOB) Kali; (EDHP) Connors, Moiseichik; (ENGR) McCann; (LAW); (LIBR); (At-Large) Whyne

Senators (admin): Ferritor, Van Laningham, Reyes, Robinson, MacKeith, Shields, Waller, Smith, English, Coon, Harwood-Rom

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I. Call to Order: Neil Allison, Chair

Meeting called to order at 3:33 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll Called

III. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from [May 6, 2015](#)

Minutes approved pending correction of the links.

V. Reports

A. Provost, Ashok Saxena- *The Provost reported on the following:*

- *Delighted and honored to serve as Provost and to work with a first class Chancellor, Dan Ferritor. The two are taking on some initiatives while they are working for the U of A. They, however, understand that they must be mindful of Chancellor's Ferritor's short-term commitment.*
- *11th day numbers, over 26,700 students, a 2% increase. Out of these some 21,155 are undergraduates while 4,916 are first time degree seeking freshmen. Graduate school, grew by 200 students. Now, 4247 students.*
- *US News and World Report came out - we have improved by 7 points. We are now ranked #62 among public institutions. We are #128 among all public and private institutions. Good news reflective of the good work accomplished in recent years.*
- *Our graduation rate is 62%. If our graduation rate was 70%, we would be ranked #51.*
- *Rankings can be used to drive the right kinds of things. Pleased to see a correlation between rankings and graduate rates.*
- *Hoping to offer 24-25 new faculty lines, tenure/tenure track.*
- *Trying to look into how we can improve the conditions for clinical faculty and instructors. Fulbright employs the most. Anything we do to improve their situation will trickle down to others. Have identified resources - contracts for clinical faculty for 3-5 years. Also, possibilities of working with their teaching loads if this helps. Have to make sure we don't lose our best of the best. Let Dept. Chairs and Deans know if you have attractive clinical faculty.*
- *Trying to better anticipate growth. We have good models that can help us see what our Freshmen classes will look like; this gives us time to adjust to ensure enough faculty in place.*
- *Hopes to release new positions and replacement positions next week so that hiring processes can begin*

and we can acquire the best faculty.

- *Boosting graduation and retention, high priority. The Chancellor and the Provost and working with some admin and faculty every two weeks, focusing on "strategic doing" to move the process along. For example, looking at a bridge program for the summer months to help students who are at the most risk of not completing their degrees. Also looking at analytical software to help analyze our retention and ways to improve it. We have grown our retention rates in recent years but we must continue to strive to meet our goal.*
- *Growing the graduate program is very important; it must grow further! We need 6000-7000 graduate students to match the current number of undergraduates we have. Need to develop grad programs that can help to increase this enrollment.*

B. United Way, Marty Matlock and Kim Needy

- *Co Chairing the United Way Campaign which is outward, community facing. Community Strong, Child by Child is the name of this year's program. 26,000 children in NWA live below the poverty line. 50% of homeless are children. This creates too many opportunities for failure. Must find ways to increase our engagement in United Way programs. Please turn in cards as it helps to show that you participate in some way to the community - through money, through giving elsewhere, through volunteerism.*
- *Red, White, and True is inward facing.*

C. Chair, Neil Allison

- *Certain to have been re-elected because of his chocolate! Eat it up so you can seal of the U of A at the bottom of the bowl. Wally Cordes started the chocolate tradition when he was Chair.*
- *We are long-lasting people. Administrators do change but faculty don't change as much.*
- *Rupe, Pijanowski and Allison met with Don Bobbitt last week. A good meeting. Very confident that we are in good hands with the Chancellor search. Committee is doing a good job; Bobbitt will make the final decision on who is hired. Interest is great because of the high level of faculty at the U of A.*
- *Provost Gaber gave a talk on faculty salaries last year while Neil was Faculty Chair. Allison will keep reminding the administration of the need to raise our salaries.*

VI. Old Business

None

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 September 9, 2015:

1. Course change proposals – including undergraduate, core, graduate, dual, and law classes approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on August 7, 2015 and the Graduate Council on August 20, 2015: ([PDF Report](#)).

2. Program Change Proposals ([PDF Report](#)).

Undergraduate Program Change Proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on August 7, 2015.

a. Proposed undergraduate program change for the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry - CHEMBS-BIOS, Chemistry/Biochemistry Concentration, Bachelor of Science ([Table One](#)).

b. Proposed undergraduate program change for the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Art – GDSBFA, Graphic Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts ([Table One](#), [GDSBFA LOI](#), [GDSBFA Proposal-1](#), [GDSBFA Appendices 1-6](#)).

c. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Sam M. Walton College of Business, Department of Supply Chain Management – SCMTBS, Supply Chain Management, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration ([Table Two](#), [LON](#)

[– Off Campus Location, UAF SU Agreement English, Agreement Addendum, Final Articulation Agreement](#)).

3. Graduate Program Change Proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on April 24, 2015 and the Graduate Council on May 21, 2015:

- a. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Graduate Dean – CEMBPH, Cell and Molecular Biology, Doctor of Philosophy ([Table Three](#)).
- b. Proposed graduation program change for the Department of Social Work – SCWKMS, Social Work, Master of Social Work ([Table Three](#), [LON-Distance Technology-SCWKMS](#)).
- c. Proposed graduation program change for the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures – SPANMA, Spanish, Master of Arts ([Table Three](#)).

Instructions for accessing CourseLeaf information:

The Course Change Agenda Report can be accessed by logging into Course Inventory Management at: <http://registrar.uark.edu/1277.php>. Clicking on “Courses in Approval Process.” Under the “Approval Role, click the drop down menu and select “Faculty Senate.” Select the Output Format as PDF. Click on “Run Report.”

Details for course change proposals can be reviewed by going to the website of the Registrar <http://registrar.uark.edu/>. Click on “Courses and Scheduling.” Next, click on “Course Changes” and finally select the link “Course Inventory Management (CIM).” Enter the specific course code in the search block to retrieve the detailed proposal.

The Program Management Agenda Report can be accessed by logging into Program Management at: <https://nextcatalog.uark.edu/programadmin/>. Clicking on “Programs in Approval Process.” Under the “Approval Role, click the drop down menu and select “Faculty Senate.” Select the Output Format as PDF. Click on “Run Report.”

Details for program change proposals can be reviewed by going to the website of the Registrar <http://registrar.uark.edu/>. Click on “Program/Unit Changes. Click on “Program Management” link. Enter the specific program code in the search block or place “*” in the search block to retrieve the entire list.

All items of the consent agenda approved.

B. Elections of Campus Council Members (16) and Executive Committee Members (5).

The following were elected to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate:

Cheryl Murphy, Doug Rhoads, Kathleen Lehman, Timothy Kral, Norm Dennis

The following were elected to the Campus Council:

Bruce Ahrendsen, Joel Freund, James Gigantino, Fred Spiegel, Matt McIntosh, Doug Rhoads, Steve Bell, Anna Zajicek, Kathy Comfort, Lonnie Beard, Jeannie Whayne, Norm Dennis, Tim Kral, Luti Salisbury, Donn Johnson, Tom Jensen

VIII. Announcements

The first meeting of the Campus Council will take place on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 3:30 to 4:30 in AFLS Auditorium D115. The second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 3:30 to 4:30 at the same location.

IX. Adjourn

4:25 adjourned.