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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

October 14, 2015, 3:30 p.m.
ENGR 209

Neil Allison, Chair
Douglas Rhoads, Acting Secretary
Minutes Status: **Approved**

Roll Call

Present

Officers: Allison, Savin, Rupe, Brady, Pijanowski

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Jacobus; (ALFS), Hettiarachchy, Edgar; (ARSC)) Freund, Lee, Spiegel, Gigantino, Bradley, Scheide, Christiansen, McIntosh, Jones, Rhoads, Bell, Restrepo, Zajicek, Kerr, Comfort; (WCOB); Kali (EDHP); (ENGR) Selvam; (LAW) Beard; (LIBR) Lehman; (At-Large) Murphy, Gay, Whayne, Dennis, Kral, Korth, Allison, C. Jones, Jensen, Colle.

Senators (admin): Saxena, Van Laningham, McCray, Henderson Allen, Cromer

Absent:

Officers: Jones, Hall

Senators (elected): (ARCH); (AFLS) Tzanetakis, Shoulders, Ahrendsen; (ARSC) D'Alisera; (WCOB) Delery, Peters; (EDHP) Connors, Moiseichik, Hevel, Kavouras; (ENGR) Hall, McCann, Rossetti; (LAW); (LIBR); (At-Large) Salisbury, Johnson,

Senators (admin): Ferritor, Di Brezzo, Rankin, Martin, Reyes, Robinson, Vayda, MacKeith, Shields, Needy, Waller, Smith, English, Leeds, Coon, Harwood-Rom, Fagg

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I. Call to Order: Neil Allison, Chair

Meeting called to order at 3:31 PM.

II. Roll Call

Roll Called

III. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from September 9, 2015

Minutes approved pending correction of the links.

V. Reports

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

- *Impressed by campus participation in interviews for Chancellor candidates. Made great impression on candidates. Search committee has chosen very good candidates.*
- *Started dealing with issues involving non-tenure track faculty. Needs input from the faculty. Fulbright college has the most, and should be charged with generating initial action plan for how to deal with the large number of non-tenure track faculty. Dean Shields has agreed to put together a committee with input from other colleges to create a better environment for these faculty, to make certain they feel wanted and appreciated.*
- *Group formed to work on retention and graduation. Dusting off report from several years back and look where we have made progress. If we increased our retention 8 percentage points we would be top 50. Experts from COEHP will be called on. Looking at software package (Civitas Learning) for large data analytics to tease out where we can have the biggest impact. Break up the group into 5 small groups to work on different aspects and make certain the metrics are implemented. Five sub-groups: Cause Analysis; Summer Bridge Program; Data Analytics; Relationships with Community Colleges; and Faculty Development. Faculty Development group would include significant input from Clinical Faculty.*
- *Graduate School has a faculty advisory group that is looking at ways to increase the number of graduate students. Has about 45 suggestions but Provost has asked that the list be prioritized.*
- *Provost has been successful in getting some adjustments to parking issues on central campus for Saturday football games.*

B. Chair, Neil Allison

- *Faculty Senate Executive Committee has met with all three candidates for Chancellor for 1 hour each.*

- *Turnout for the open forums have been great.*
- *Faculty are strongly encouraged to get their input in by close of business Thursday regarding the candidates because anticipating a rapid decision.*

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

A. David Dawson Julie Trivitt

Note: Registration for Grades of Pass-Fail comes moved and seconded from Academic Standards Committee (a FS committee)

Probation Policy - [Document 1](#) and [Document 2](#)

Pass-Fail Policy - [Document 3](#) and [Document 4](#)

B. 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 October 14, 2015:

1. Course change proposals – including undergraduate and law classes approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on September 25, 2015 (no graduate level course changes were proposed): ([PDF Report](#)).

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

Undergraduate Program Change Proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on September 25, 2015 (no graduate level program changes were proposed).

a. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, Department of Human Environmental Sciences – AMPDBS-BS, Apparel Merchandising and Product Development ([Table One](#)).

Move by Joel Freund to table AMPDBS-BS, vote failed.

b. Proposed undergraduate program change for the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Theatre – THTRBA-BA, Theatre ([Table Two](#), [Ltr of Notification – Reconfig THTR-PERF](#), [Ltr of Notification – Reconfig THTR-DSTC](#), [THTRBA – Ltrs of Support](#)).

c. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering – ELEGBS-BSEE, Electrical Engineering ([Table Three](#)).

All items of the consent agenda approved.

VIII. Announcements

Informational items:

a. *Tesseract Center for Immersive Environments and Game Design proposed.*

b. *Program/Unit Changes Forms and Instructions – all forms from ADHE have been revised.*
<http://registrar.uark.edu/program-unit-changes/index.php>. *Please destroy any old versions.*

IX. Adjourn

4:40 PM adjourned.