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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

December 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) Tzanetakakis, Shoulders, Ahrendsen, Hettiarachchy, Edgar; (ARSC) Freund, Gigantino, Bradley, Lee, Scheide, Christiansen, Spiegel, McIntosh, Jones, Rhoads, Bell, Restrepo, Zajicek, Comfort; (WCOB); Delery, Peters (EDHP) Hevel; (ENGR) McCann, Hall, Selvam; (LAW) Beard; (LIBR) Lehman; (At-Large) Murphy, Gay, Dennis, Kral, Salisbury, Korth, Allison, Johnson, Jensen, Collet.

Senators (admin): Saxena, Di Brezzo, Martin, Van Laningham, Reyes, Needy, Henderson Allen

Absent:

Officers:

Senators (elected): (ARCH) ; (AFLS) ; (ARSC) D'Alisera, Kerr; (WCOB) Kali; (EDHP) Connors, Moiseichik, Kavouras; (ENGR) Rossetti; (LAW); (LIBR) ; (At-Large) Whayne, C. Jones

Senators (admin): Ferritor, Rankin, McCray, Robinson, Vayda, MacKeith, Shields, Waller, Smith, English, Leeds, Coon, Harwood-Rom, Cromer, Fagg

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I. Call to Order: Neil Allison, Chair

Meeting called to order at 3:30 PM.

II. Roll Call

Roll Called

III. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved as amended to include the Provost's presentation

IV. Approval of minutes from [November 11, 2015](#)

Minutes Approved.

V. Reports

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A. Provost, Ashok Saxena

- Arkansas Research Alliance Fellow recipient, Professor Min Zou.
- First draft - strategies for supporting non-tenure track faculty, prepared with a committee led by Todd Shields. He will present at Faculty Senate in the near future. Moving along well.
- Opportunities for online offerings of Graduate programs. Javier Reyes will work with faculty leadership to discuss some of these.
- Chancellor Steinmetz plans to visit every department and every unit, some 70, in his first 90 days on the job. He intends to learn the campus before announcing what his priorities will be.
- Congratulations to Teaching Academy for a job well done. New members inducted. Also, honored the winner of the John Imhoff award and two finalists. Many in attendance.
- Working on graduate student stipends. Have found some money to support this. Dean Needy is helping him and the remaining Deans will look at this soon. It is still in development but hopes are to do the following:
 - All TA's receive a minimum stipend of \$1000 a month, with a 12 month appointment.
 - Support for new interdisciplinary programs, TA and Research Assistants. This will help interdisciplinary programs that have a hard time getting such funding.
 - More aggressive in offering graduate assistantships. Give a two to one offer. Offer one to two and if both accept, backstop and support the second for a year and adjust accordingly the next year. The best students are usually picked up early so this allows one to be more aggressive.

- Bridge funding for Ph.D. students whose grant funding has played out.
- Hopes to cover graduate assistants at MA and Ph.D. levels.

B. Chair, Neil Allison

- Good discussion with Dean Shields regarding non-tenure track faculty. More discussion is needed amongst the Deans and across colleges. We have invited him to give a report next semester.
- TA offers sound wonderful as proposed by the Provost; very hopeful.
- Have been discussing our health benefits. A recent meeting of the Fringe Benefits committee on November 19th took place. The Chair has also been in communication with President Bobbitt regarding our benefits. Hoping to improve communication with the decision makers regarding our benefits, namely our health insurance. Many expressed a preference for an increase in premiums. Select members of the executive committee will travel to the system office to discuss the benefits issues including the Chair of the Benefits Committee and select members of the Staff Senate.
- Met with the nominations and elections committee to talk about electronic voting for university positions. This is a move in the right direction.

VI. Old Business

A. Chris Bryson, Code of Student Life (This comes from the Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Integrity and Code of Student Conduct.)

[Code of Student Life - Redline](#)

[Code of Student Life - Clean](#)

Changes to the Code of Student Life have been proposed. A vote on these changes will take place at the December meeting.

[Summary Report](#)

Following the "Voting Items" on the above Summary Report:

Motion to change #4 to retain the original five business days for appeal throughout the document.

Motion passed

Motion to approve amended document 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 December 9, 2015:

1. Course change proposals – including undergraduate, graduate and law classes approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on November 20, 2015 and the Graduate Council on November 19, 2015: ([PDF Report](#)).

2. Undergraduate Program Change Proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on November 20, 2015: ([PDF Report](#)).

a. Proposed undergraduate program change for the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Communication – COMMBA, Communication, Bachelor of Arts ([Table One, 2a Ltr of Notification – Distance Tech-COMMBA, 2a Binder COMM online Courses Syllabi, 2a COMMBA Online Proposal Budget revised 110215](#)).

b. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Sam M. Walton College of Business, Department of Finance – FINNBS, Finance, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration ([Table Two, 2b Ltr of Notification 3 Energy Finance Concentration Nov15, 2b Employer needs Survey Summary For Energy Finance, 2b Employer Survey Form Energy Finance, 2b Energy Finance Employer Letters](#)).

c. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Sam M. Walton College of Business, Department of Finance – FINNBS – PFMG, Finance Personal Financial Management Concentration ([Table Two, 2c Ltr of Notification 5 Deleting Personal Financial Management concentration](#)).

d. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions, Department of Rehabilitation, Human Resources, and Communication Disorders – HRWDBS, Human Resource and Workforce Development Education, Bachelor of Science in Education ([Table Three](#)).

e. Proposed undergraduate program change for the College of Education and Health Professions, Department of Rehabilitation, Human Resources, and Communication Disorders – PHRWD, Human Resource & Workforce Development Education (Pre-Human Resource & Workforce Development Education) ([Table Three](#)).

3. Graduate Program Change Proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on November 20, 2015 and the Graduate Council on November 19, 2015:

a. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Art – ARTMFA – Art, Master of Fine Arts ([Table Four](#)).

b. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Civil Engineering – CVEGMS – Civil Engineering, Master of Science in Civil Engineering ([Table Four](#)).

c. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Civil Engineering – CVEGPH – Engineering (Civil Engineering), Doctor of Philosophy([Table Four](#)).

d. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Communication – COMMMA – Communication, Master of Arts ([Table Four](#)).

e. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of English – ENGLMA – English, Master of Arts ([Table Four](#), [3e Ltr of Notification – Adding conc ENGLMA-GNST](#), [3e Ltr of Notification – Adding conc ENGLMA-SPEC](#), [3e Ltr of Notification – Deleting ENGLMA-RHET](#)).

f. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Journalism – JOURMA – Journalism, Master of Arts ([Table Four](#)).

g. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Music – MUSCMM – IPFM – Music Performance, Instrumental Concentration ([Table Four](#)).

h. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Music – MUSCMM – MHSM – Music Music History Concentration ([Table Four](#)).

i. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Philosophy – PHILMA Philosophy, Master of Arts ([Table Four](#)).

j. Proposed graduate program change for the School of Law, Department of Law – LAWWJD - Law, Juris Doctor ([Table Five](#)).

4. Other Items for Consideration: HIST – Advanced Placement Credit Requirement Change for World History (HIST AP CREDIT). [The HIST faculty voted to approve changing the way we award AP credit for World History to be parallel to AP US History. For a score of 4, the student would get three credits in either HIST 1113 or HIST 1123. For a score of 5, the student would receive six credits, both HIST 1113 and HIST 1123 (instead of 3 hours of HIST 1123H).]

All items approved.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:21.