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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

May 4, 2016, 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); (ALFS) Shoulders, Ahrendsen, Edgar; (ARSC) Freund, Bradley, Lee, McIntosh, Christiansen, Jones, Rhoads, Bell, Restrepo, Kerr, Comfort; (WCOB); (EDHP) Hevel, Moiseichik; (ENGR) Hall; (LAW) Beard; (LIBR) Lehman; (At-Large) Murphy, Whayne, Gay, Dennis, Kral, Salisbury, Korth, Allison, Jones, Jensen.

Senators (admin): Saxena, Di Brezzo, Rankin, Martin, McCray, Van Laningham, Shields, Needy, Coon, Fagg

Absent:

Officers:

Senators (elected): (ARCH) Jacobus; (AFLS) Tzanetakos, Hettiarachchy; (ARSC) Gigantino, Scheide, Spiegel, Scheide, D'Alisera, Zajicek; (WCOB) Delery, Kali, Peters; (EDHP) Connors, Kavouras; (ENGR) McCann, Selvam, Rossetti; (LAW) ; (LIBR) ; (At-Large) Johnson, Collet.

Senators (admin): Steinmetz, Reyes, Robinson, Vayda, MacKeith, Waller, Smith, English, Leeds, Henderson Allen, Harwood-Rom, Cromer.

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I. Call to Order: Neil Allison, Chair

Meeting called to order at 3:32

II. Roll Call

Mission accomplished!

III. Approval of Agenda

Approved

IV. Approval of minutes from [April 13, 2016](#)

Approved

V. Reports

A. Provost, Ashok Saxena

- *Budget - expect to maintain our budget. Will know later in the month. Overall, some new revenues are expected which will go back into the Academic side of campus. Already planning for faculty needs for the fall.*
- *Working on a plan to manage the number of incoming Freshmen in an organized fashion. Currently, do not have flexibility to handle the numbers as one would like. Hope to manage numbers better in the next recruiting season. Regardless, diversity, quality and numbers are good. Still need to work on the balance of undergraduates to graduates.*
- *Have appointed a couple of Deans - Matt Waller, WCOB for five years; Mike Miller, COEHP for two years. Still have another Dean's position in Bumpers College. Actively exploring options for this. Hope to have a final word in the next week to 10 days.*
- *Additional changes; student services position upgraded to Vice Chancellor for Student Success. Charles Robinson will be in this role and will leave the Diversity position he now holds which will change to the Vice Provost of Diversity and Inclusion. In the process of finalizing all of this. An interim will be selected to replace Robinson with a search this fall to fill the position permanently.*
- *OEOC office will be reworked and will report to the Provost. Implementation will take a few more weeks.*
- *Happy Summer to All!!*

B. Chair, Neil Allison

- *One change made this year; every month the Chairs meet with the Provost and Chancellor. Past Chair has joined the two Chairs to provide for more institutional knowledge at the leadership position. A positive.*

- *Neil's second go round. First time, new Chancellor (Gearhart) and Provost (Gaber). Asked to think about his agenda. This time he has addressed faculty raises. And yet, a new Provost and Chancellor again for Neil. But, he continues to explore the need to raise our faculty salaries which are low compared to our major cohorts.*
- *What do we do to get to Top 50? We need more resources; we are giving our best so we need the administration to help us with our salaries. Will be expressed in a resolution as designed below.*
- *Marvelous being in the position again. He will remain an advocate for faculty.*
- *The faculty is the life blood of this University; Chancellor Steinmetz is amazed with what we have done with what we have been given.*

VI. Old Business

A. General Admissions Amendment - Suzanne McCray

[Attachment](#)

Amendment proposed to add "in terms of CGPA and ACT/SAT score" within the sentence "Out of state students may be held to a higher standard [insert here] if enrollment demand from Arkansas resident applicants requires it.

Motion to amend - approved

Motion to approve the amended motion - approved.

B. Drop Date Proposal, Joel Freund

[Proposal Handout](#)

Question called

Question withdrawn

Motion to send the proposal to committee made and seconded

Motion approved.

VII. New Business

A. Resolution - Tim Kral

[Resolution](#)

Motion to suspend the rules regarding 30 days timeframe for review only in relation to this item as well as item B. below.

Motion passes

Unanimous approval

B. Resolution - Neil Allison

Whereas the involvement of students in the election process is important for our nation, the Faculty Senate endorses the following resolution passed by the Associated Student Government on April 2, 2016:

[ASG Polling Resolution](#) - Passed by ASG April 26, 2016

Unanimous approval

C. 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 May 4, 2016:

1. Course Change proposals – including graduate classes approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on March 18, 2016 as well as undergraduate and law classes on April 22, 2016 and the Graduate Council on April 21, 2016: ([PDF Report](#)).

2. Undergraduate Program Change Proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on April 22, 2016 and the Graduate Council April 21, 2016: ([PDF Report](#)).

a. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences, Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences – NRMT-M, Natural Resources Management Minor ([Table One, 2a NRMT-M-Reconfig-Ltr of Notification, 2a nat res minor 2015 revised Feb 29 2016](#)).

b. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences, Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences – SOIL-M, Soil Science Minor (**Table One, 2b SOIL-M – New Minor – Ltr of Notification, 2b proposed SOIL SCIENCE minor checksheet**).

c. Proposed undergraduate program change for the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences, Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences (**Table One, 2c WLHA-M-Deletion-Ltr of Notification.docx**).

3. Graduate program change proposals approved by the University Course and Programs Committee on April 22, 2016 and the Graduate Council April 21, 2016:

a. Proposed graduate program change for the Department of Agricultural Education, Communication and Technology – AEEDMS, Agricultural and Extension Education, Master of Science (**Table Two**).

Consent Agenda Passes

4. Announcements:

a. Informational item – Name change approved School of Art changed from the Department of Art (**4a School of Art – Name Change – Ltr of Notification**).

b. Informational item – Center deletion approved Center for Excellence for Nano-, Micro-, and Neuro-Electronics, Sensors, and Systems (CENNESS)–(**4b CENNESS Closing Documents, 4b CENNESS – Deletion – Ltr of Notification**).

c. Lisa Kulczak announced that the dual level course conversion has been delayed due to technical issues within CourseLeaf. We are currently waiting for the company to resolve the issue before proceeding with additional conversions. The Registrar’s Office will notify the college deans or departments when the issue is resolved.

VIII. Announcements

Thank you to Neil for his service this year! Great applause!!

IX. Executive Session

Executive Session NOT held.

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:50