## Minutes of THE FACULTY SENATE OF ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

The Faculty Senate met Tuesday, October 15, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 325 of the Ross Pendergraft Library and Technology Center. The following members were present:

Dr. Annette Holeyfield
Dr. Steve Shry
Dr. Richard Smith
Dr. Scott Kirkconnell
Ms. Peggy Lee
Dr. Charles Busch
Dr. David Bell
Mr. Ron Robison
Mr. Ken Futterer
Ms. Darla Sparacino
Dr. Trey Philpotts

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Dr. Ken Trantham, Dr. Theresa Herrick, Dr. Kevin Mason, and Dr. Kathy Pearson were absent. Dr. Carl Brucker, Dr. Mary Ann Rollans, Dr. Lyman Harris, Dr. Penny Willmering, Dr. Dan Martin, and Dr. Micheal Tarver were visitors.

## CALL TO ORDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Bell called the meeting to order and asked for action on the August 19, 2002, minutes. Motion by Dr. Holeyfield, seconded by Ms. Lee, to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS: CURRICULAR ITEMS

The following actions were taken with regards to recommendations from the Curriculum Committee:

#### (A) Academic Affairs:

Motion by Mr. Futterer, seconded by Dr. Smith, to add the following statement to the *Faculty Handbook* (2002 update), "Curricular Approval Process," Section II.A., page 95: e. Proposals affecting the required degree plan should include the revised curriculum matrix for inclusion in the next catalog. Motion carried.

- (B) School of Community Education and Professional Development:
  - (1) Motion by Dr. Holeyfield, seconded by Mr. Futterer, to add EAM 3123, Public Information Skills for Emergency Managers, to the course descriptions. Motion carried.
  - (2) Motion by Ms. Lee, seconded by Dr. Smith, to change the title of TELT 2223, Power Supply Troubleshooting, to Troubleshooting Electrical and Electronic Systems. Motion carried.
- (C) Department of Behavioral Sciences:
  - (1) Motion by Mr. Futterer, seconded by Mr. Robison, to: (a) delete RS 2093, Research and Data Methods for Rehabilitation Science, from the required curriculum and course descriptions and, instead, require PSY 2074, Experimental Psychology, OR SOC 3163, Introduction to Social Research; (b) add RS 3123, Ethics in Human Services, to the

required curriculum; and (c) add RS 3133, Multicultural Issues in Human Services, to the required curriculum. Motion carried.

(2) Motion by Dr. Busch, seconded by Dr. Smith, to add SOC 4073, Sociology of Religion, to the course descriptions. Motion carried.

## (D) Department of English:

Motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Sparacino, to: (a) change the title of ENGL 2053, Technical Communication, to Technical Writing; and (b) delete the prerequisite of ENGL 1013, Composition I, from AMST 2003, American Studies. Motion carried.

(E) Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy:

Motion by Dr. Busch, seconded by Mr. Futterer, to: (a) delete POLS 4113, American Racial and Cultural Minorities, from the course descriptions; (b) delete HIST 4113, Racial and Cultural Minorities in American History, from the course descriptions; (c) add HIST 4123, African American History, to the course descriptions; (d) add HIST 4133, Latinos in the U.S., to the course descriptions; (e) add HIST 4143, Native American History, to the course descriptions; (f) add HIST 3143, American History Through Film, to the course descriptions; (g) delete HIST 3353, History of Latin America, from the course descriptions; (i) add HIST 3323, Modern Latin America, to the course descriptions; (j) change the title of HIST 4033, The American West, to The Frontier in American History; (k) delete HIST 4093, American Diplomatic History, 1776-1912, to the course descriptions; and (m) add HIST 4083, American Diplomatic History, 1912 to the Present, to the course descriptions. Motion carried.

# ADMISSION INTO CLOSED SECTIONS

Dr. Bell asked Dr. Busch to address this item. Dr. Busch stated that he had received requests from members of his school to bring this issue before the Faculty Senate. Discussion centered on the current policy which requires student admissions into closed sections to be approved by either the department head or instructor. Dr. Busch stated that it was his understanding that the Academic Advising Center has enrolled students in closed sections without prior approval. Motion by Dr. Busch, seconded by Dr. Smith, to reaffirm the policy that no one shall enroll a student in a closed section without the approval of the instructor or department. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM After discussion, Dr. Bell stated that he would check with the President concerning scheduling a luncheon this fall to serve as an information session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ Dr. Bell stated that a report on health insurance forwarded from the Faculty Salary, INFORMATION Benefits, and Awards Committee had been included in the Senators' packets for ITEMS information purposes.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Mr. Futterer, seconded by Dr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David Bell, Ed.D., Chair