

Minutes of
THE FACULTY SENATE
OF
ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

The Faculty Senate met Tuesday, November 13, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 325 of the Ross Pendergraft Library and Technology Center. The following members were present:

Dr. David Bell	Dr. Scott Jordan
Dr. Alex Darkwah	Dr. Annette Holeyfield
Dr. Charles Busch	Dr. Steve Shry
Dr. Richard Smith	Dr. Theresa Herrick
Dr. Paula Pendergrass	Dr. Scott Kirkconnell
Ms. Peggy Lee	Mr. Ray Wheeler
Dr. Ken Trantham	Mr. Ron Robison
Dr. Kevin Mason	

Dr. Donna Vocate, Dr. Lyman Harris, Mr. Andy Anders, Dr. Charlie Gagen, Dr. Larry Morell, Dr. Penny Willmering, Dr. Don Carnahan, Dr. Georgena Duncan, and Dr. Tom DeBlack were visitors.

CALL TO ORDER
APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Dr. Pendergrass called the meeting to order and asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 20, 2001, meeting. There being none, the minutes stand as distributed.

NEW BUSINESS:
CURRICULAR
ITEMS

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

(Items approved at the September 28, 2001, Curriculum Committee meeting)

(A) Department of Business and Economics:

Motion by Dr. Bell, seconded by Dr. Holeyfield, to add a credit restriction to BUAD 1003, Introduction to Business Systems, that the course may not be taken for credit after completion of MGMT 3003, Management and Organizational Behavior. Motion carried.

(B) Department of Art:

Motion by Dr. Holeyfield, seconded by Mr. Robison, to: (a) change the catalog wording from "All art majors are required to enroll in six hours of World Art History, ART 2103 and ART 2113" to "All art majors are required to enroll in six hours of Art History;" and (b) delete ART 3613, Ceramics Wheelthrowing, from the course descriptions and merge content with ART 3603, Ceramics. Motion carried.

(C) Department of Behavioral Sciences:

Motion by Dr. Herrick, seconded by Dr. Smith, to: (a) change the biology general education requirement for Rehabilitation Science majors to accept any general education biology lab course except BIOL 1134, Principles of Botany; (b) add a prerequisite of "Grade of C or higher in RS 3023" (i.e., Principles and Techniques of Rehabilitation Services) to the following course descriptions: RS 4012, Internship in Rehabilitation Services; RS 4024, Field Placement in Rehabilitation Science; RS 4034, Field Placement Related to Vocational Rehabilitation; RS 4044, Field Placement Related to Aging; RS 4054, Field Placement Related to Corrections; RS 4064, Field Placement Related to Social Services; RS 4074, Field Placement for Psychology and Sociology Majors; and RS 4084, Field Placement Related to Child Welfare Services; (c) add RS 3133, Multicultural Issues in Human Services, to the course offerings; and (d) add RS 3123, Ethics in Human Services, to the course offerings. Motion carried.

(D) Department of Biological Sciences:

Motion by Dr. Darkwah, seconded by Ms. Lee, to modify the biology general education requirement to accept BIOL 1014, Introduction to Biological Science, or any higher level biology course that includes a lab. Motion carried.

(E) Department of Nursing:

Motion by Dr. Herrick, seconded by Mr. Robison, to modify the nursing curriculum by deleting three credit hours of electives and replacing these with three credit hours from PSY 3163, Developmental Psychology II or SOC 3173, Social Gerontology. Motion carried.

(F) Department of Electrical Engineering:

Motion by Mr. Robison, seconded by Dr. Holeyfield, to delete the Computer Option degree path for the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree program. Motion carried.

(G) Department of Mathematics:

Motion by Dr. Darkwah, seconded by Dr. Smith, to: (a) change the course description of MATH 1103, Algebra for General Education, and MATH 1113, College Algebra, to include the following statement: "This course may not be taken for credit after completion of MATH 2703 (i.e., Discrete Mathematics) or any higher level mathematics course;" (b) add MATH 2981-3, Special Topics in Mathematics, to the course offerings; and (c) add MATH 4263, Mathematical Statistics, to the course offerings. Motion carried.

(Items approved at the November 2, 2001, Curriculum Committee meeting)

(H) Department of Behavioral Sciences:

Motion by Dr. Herrick, seconded by Dr. Shry, to: (a) change the course number of SOC 4023, History of Social Thought, to SOC 2073 and change the course description; and (b) delete CJ 3073, Police Administration, from the course descriptions. Motion carried.

(I) Department of Music:

Motion by Dr. Holeyfield, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to change the name of the degree program from Bachelors of Art in Music Education to Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.). Motion carried.

(J) Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy:

Motion by Dr. Herrick, seconded by Dr. Shry, to delete HIST 4883, Historiography, from the course descriptions. Motion carried.

(K) Department of Speech, Theatre, and Journalism:

Motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Dr. Smith, to: (a) add TH 2203, Play Analysis, to the course descriptions; and (b) add TH 4523, Advanced Stagecraft, to the course descriptions. Motion carried.

(L) Department of Physical Sciences:

Motion by Dr. Trantham, seconded by Ms. Lee, to: (a) add CHEM 2204, Organic Physiological Chemistry, to the course descriptions; and (b) exclude CHEM 1114, A Survey of Chemistry, as a chemistry elective in the Chemistry curricula (General and A.C.S. Approved options) and change the course description. Motion carried.

(M) Department of Biological Sciences:

Motion by Dr. Darkwah, seconded by Dr. Mason, to: (a) add BIOL 4074, Molecular Genetics, to the course descriptions; (b) add CHEM 1114, A Survey of Chemistry, and CHEM 2204, Organic Physiological Chemistry, as alternative chemistry courses for Fisheries and Wildlife majors and add a footnote outlining recommended chemistry courses for students who might wish to pursue a graduate degree; and (c) add FW 4881-4, Advanced Topics, to the course descriptions. Motion carried.

(N) Department of Computer and Information Science:

Motion by Dr. Herrick, seconded by Mr. Robison, to: (a) change the course description of COMS 1003, Introduction to Computer Based Systems; (b) modify the curricula in Computer and Information Science (Computer Science and Information Science options) in preparation of splitting the degree into two distinct degrees: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Bachelor of Science in Information Systems (Proposal is designed as a bridge to this split as the new degree program in Information Systems will not be presented to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Coordinating Board until April, 2002, which is after the catalog goes to print); and (c) add a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems. Motion carried.

(O) Department of Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration:

Motion by Dr. Holeyfield, seconded by Dr. Busch, to: (a) add RP 2033, Recreation Leadership, to the course descriptions and three of the Recreation and Park emphasis areas (Recreation Administration, Therapeutic Recreation, and Park Administration); (b) delete HA 3023, Travel and Tourism, from the course descriptions and add HA/RP 4003, Fundamentals of Tourism, to the course descriptions; (c) add a \$50 lab fee to HA 3063, Dining Service Management; (d) change the course description of RP/HA 4116, Internship; (e) modify the curriculum in Recreation and Parks, Park Administration Emphasis, by dropping PE 2513, First Aid; adding RP 2033, Recreation Leadership; changing the computer science requirement to COMS 2003, Microcomputer Applications; and adding a list of approved elective courses; (f) change the course number of HA 3073, Hospitality Financial Analysis, to HA 4073; (g) modify the curriculum in Recreation and Parks, Turf Management Emphasis, by changing the computer science requirement to COMS 2003, Microcomputer Applications; (h) modify the curriculum in Recreation and Parks, Interpretive Naturalist Emphasis, by dropping PE 2513, First Aid; adding RP 2013, Landscape Materials and Construction; and changing the computer science requirement to COMS 2003, Microcomputer Applications; and (i) modify the curriculum in Recreation and Parks, Recreation Administration Emphasis, by dropping PE 2513, First Aid; adding RP 2033, Recreation Leadership; adding RP 3023, Camp Administration; adding RP 4063, Park Operations; adding RP 4093, Resort Management (the nine additional hours will replace nine hours of electives in the current curriculum); and changing the computer science requirement to COMS 2003, Microcomputer Applications. Motion carried.

FACULTY SURVEY
ON PEER REVIEW

Dr. Pendergrass asked Dr. Busch to speak to this item. Motion by Dr. Busch, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to direct the president of the Faculty Senate to survey the faculty so as to determine whether faculty members must meet with their departmental peer review committees for annual evaluations. Dr. Busch stated that there was a contradiction in the *Faculty Handbook* and referenced pages 19 and 31. The first reference indicates that faculty members *will* meet annually with peer review committees and the second indicates that the faculty member *may* meet with peer review committees. After discussion, motion to amend by Dr. Kirkconnell, seconded by Dr. Trantham, to direct that the survey ask the faculty what current practice is in effect for their department and also what the faculty believe should be the practice regarding this issue. Motion to amend carried.

OPEN FORUM:
COMMON
STANDARDS

Dr. Pendergrass asked Dr. Trantham to address this item. Dr. Trantham stated that it appeared that guidelines for evaluating faculty varied among departments. He asked that the Senate consider whether establishment of uniform standards across campus for evaluation of teaching, research, and service would be possible. Discussion centered on both the advantages and difficulties related to establishing a uniform set of evaluation standards. After discussion, Dr. Herrick stated that she would bring a motion to a future meeting asking that this issue be considered by a subcommittee of the Faculty Senate.

ELECTRONIC
ARCHIVE

Dr. Pendergrass noted that this item had come from the School of Physical and Life Sciences. She stated that it had been suggested that both the minutes and the agenda of the Faculty Senate should be put on the Internet for greater accessibility. Discussion also included the idea that curriculum proposals could also be posted to the web page. Dr. Trantham stated that he would prepare a motion for consideration of this item for a future meeting.

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ITEMS FOR

Dr. Pendergrass noted the minutes from the Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Salary,

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Benefits, and Awards Committee which had been included in the Senators' packets. She then asked Dr. Holeyfield to report regarding the progress of the Search Committee for the Vice President for Academic Affairs' position. Dr. Holeyfield stated that an advertisement had been placed in the October 26, November 2, and November 16 issues of the *Chronicle* with a closing date of January 7, 2002. To date, twelve applications have been received.

Dr. Busch asked that Dr. Pendergrass inquire as to the status of recommendations for changes to the *Faculty Handbook* which had been forwarded last year to the Academic Affairs Office. Dr. Pendergrass stated that she would check on these items and also on the status of the removal of social security numbers from the Student Information System.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Herrick, Ph.D., Secretary