

Minutes of
THE FACULTY SENATE
OF
ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

The Faculty Senate met Thursday, December 8, 2005, at 4 p.m. in Room 325 of the Ross Pendergraft Library and Technology Center. The following members were present:

Ms. Peggy Lee	Dr. Richard Knight
Dr. Carey Roberts	Mr. Rick Ihde
Dr. Jeff Robertson	Dr. Shelia Jackson
Dr. Jeff Mitchell	Dr. Trey Philpotts
Dr. Carl Greco	Ms. Marti Wilkerson
Dr. Scott Kirkconnell	Ms. Sarah Robison
Dr. Brenda Montgomery	Dr. Sid Womack
Dr. Robert Fithen	Dr. Joe Moore

Dr. David Bell, Dr. Micheal Tarver, Dr. William Hoefler, Dr. Theresa Herrick, Dr. Kelly Johnson, and Dr. Pam Carr were visitors.

CALL TO ORDER
APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

President Wilkerson called the meeting to order and asked for action on the November 10, 2005, minutes. Motion by Dr. Greco, seconded by Dr. Jackson, to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried. There being no amendments or corrections, motion by Dr. Womack, seconded by Dr. Montgomery, to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
CURRICULAR
ITEMS

President Wilkerson thanked Dr. Tarver for attending and representing the Curriculum Committee. The following actions were taken with regards to recommendations from the Curriculum Committee:

Motion by Dr. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Lee, to consider all proposals from each department together for the purposes of making motions for approval. Motion carried.

A. Department of Accounting

Motion by Dr. Moore, seconded by Dr. Philpotts, to add ACCT 3023, Accounting Information Systems, to the course descriptions. Motion carried.

B. Department of Business and Economics

Motion by Dr. Greco, seconded by Dr. Moore, to: (1) change the title of MGMT 3103, Production Management, to Operations Management; change the prerequisite from *COMS 1003, Introduction to Computer Based Systems, or BUAD 2003, Business Information Systems, and BUAD 2053, Business Statistics, and MGMT 3003, Management and Organizational Behavior*, to *MGMT 2013, Management Productivity Tools, BUAD 2053, Business Statistics, and MGMT 3003, Management and Organizational Behavior*; and modify the course description; and (2) add MGMT 2013, Management Productivity Tools, as a prerequisite for MGMT 4013, Management Information Systems. Motion carried.

C. Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Motion by Dr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Moore, to: (1) correct the course number for MLED 4023, Teaching the Young Adolescent, to MLED 4013; and (2) modify the curricula in Early Childhood Education, Middle Level Education in Mathematics and Science Licensure, and Middle Level Education in English Language Arts/Social Sciences Licensure as follows: delete HIST 4153, History of Arkansas, and add HIST 2153, Introduction to Arkansas History. Motion carried.

D. Department of Music

Motion by Dr. Womack, seconded by Dr. Knight, to move the listing in the course descriptions from the Music section to the Musical Performance section for MUS 1601/3601, Orchestral Repertoire, and modify the course description. Motion carried.

E. Department of Biological Sciences

Motion by Dr. Philpotts, seconded by Dr. Roberts, to: (1) change the prerequisite for BIOL 3034, Genetics, from *BIOL 1114, Principles of Biology (or equivalent), and MATH 1113, College Algebra (or higher)*, to *BIOL 1114 (or equivalent), MATH 1113 (or higher), and two semesters of chemistry*; (2) add BIOL 3174, Physiological Ecology, to the course descriptions; (3) add FW 3173, Biostatistics, to the course descriptions; (4) modify the curriculum in Biology as follows: (a) add FW 3173, Biostatistics, as a selection in footnote 2; (b) renumber existing footnote 3 to footnote 4 and add BIOL 3174, Physiological Ecology, to the course selection; and (c) insert new footnote 3 as follows: *Coastal Ecology (BIOL 4094) which is offered during the May mini-term can serve as an alternative to BIOL 3114, Principles of Ecology, in the Biology major*; (5) modify the Curriculum in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology as follows: (a) add FW 3173, Biostatistics, as an upper-division mathematics alternative; and (b) add BIOL 3174, Physiological Ecology, as a physiology alternative; and (6) add the title Pre-Dental to the title Curriculum in Pre-Medical. Motion carried.

F. Department of Nursing

Motion by Dr. Roberts, seconded by Dr. Knight, to: (1) modify the course number for NUR 3502, Nursing Skills II, to 3513; and (2) modify the Curriculum in Nursing as follows: (a) change NUR 3502, Nursing Skills II, to NUR 3513; and (b) reduce the upper division Nursing Electives by one hour. Motion carried.

G. Department of Agriculture

Motion by Dr. Moore, seconded by Dr. Womack, to: (1) add AGBU 1013, Principles of Agricultural Business, to the course descriptions; (2) add AGBU 3213, Career Development in Agriculture, to the course descriptions; (3) modify the course description for AGBU 4023, Agricultural Finance; (4) add AGBU 4053, Agricultural Price Analysis, to the course descriptions; (5) add AGBU 4063, Agricultural Investments, to the course descriptions; (6) change the course number of AGSS 2013, Soils, to AGSS 2014; add two hours of laboratory; and modify the course description; (7) change the title of AGPS 1003, Field Crops, to Principles of Crop Science; and modify the course description; (8) change the number and title of

AGPS 1023, General Horticulture, to AGPS 1024, Principles of Horticulture; add two hours of laboratory, and modify the course description accordingly; (9) change the course numbers as follows for the indicated courses, add two hours of laboratory to each, and modify the course descriptions accordingly: (a) AGAS 1013, Principles of Animal Science, to AGAS 1014; (b) AGAS 3003, Reproduction in Farm Animals, to AGAS 3004; (c) AGAS 3013, Beef Cattle Management, to AGAS 3014; (d) AGAS 3103, Swine Management, to AGAS 3104; (e) AGPS 3023, Forage Crops and Pasture Management, to AGPS 3024; (f) AGPS 3043, Plant Propagation, to AGPS 3044; (g) AGPS 3063, Vegetable Growing, to AGPS 3064; and (h) AGPS 3073, Floriculture, to AGPS 3074; (10) (a) Agricultural Animal Science courses: prerequisite changes for AGAS 2083, Feed and Feeding, AGAS 3004, Reproduction in Farm Animals, AGAS 3014, Beef Cattle Management, AGAS 3104, Swine Management, and AGAS 3113, Light Horse Production from AGAS 1013 (old number) to AGAS 1014 (new number); (b) Agricultural Business and Economics courses: addition of prerequisite of AGBU 1013, Principles of Agricultural Business, to AGBU 2063, Principles of Agricultural Macroeconomics, AGBU 2073, Principles of Agricultural Microeconomics, and AGBU 4003, Agri-Business Management; and change the course description of AGBU 4023, Agricultural Finance; (c) Agricultural Engineering/Mechanization courses: prerequisite change for AGEG 3413, Agricultural Waste Management, from AGSS 2013 (old number) to AGSS 2014 (new number); (d) Agricultural Plant Science courses: add AGPS 1003, Principles of Crop Science, as a prerequisite for AGPS 3024, Forage Crops and Pasture Management; and add AGPS 1024, Principles of Horticulture, as a prerequisite for AGPS 3044, Plant Propagation, AGPS 3053, Weeds and Weed Control, AGPS 3064, Vegetable Growing, AGPS 3074, Floriculture, AGPS 3083, Small Fruit and Nut Culture, AGPS 3093, Greenhouse Operation and Management, and AGPS 4103, Crop and Garden Insects; (e) Agricultural Soil Science courses: prerequisite change for AGSS 3033, Soil Fertility, from AGSS 2013 (old number) to AGSS 2014 (new number); (11) modify the Curriculum in Agricultural Business as follows: (a) add AGBU 1013, Principles of Agricultural Business; (b) add AGBU 3213, Career Development in Agriculture; (c) add AGBU 4033, Agricultural Policy; (d) add AGPS 1024, Principles of Horticulture; (4) delete ACCT 2013, Accounting Principles II; (e) delete AGAS 2083, Feeds and Feeding; (f) delete AGBU 3133, Intermediate Agricultural Macroeconomics; (g) delete 3 hours of Agricultural Electives; (h) delete 3 hours of Electives; (i) change AGAS 1013 (old number), Principles of Animal Science, to AGAS 1014 (new number); and (j) change AGSS 2013 (old number), Soils, to AGSS 2014 (new number); (12) modify the Curriculum in Agriculture Business (Horticulture Business Option) as follows: (a) add AGAS 1014, Principles of Animal Science; (b) add AGBU 1013, Principles of Agricultural Business; (c) add AGBU 3213, Career Development in Agriculture; (d) add AGBU 4023, Agricultural Finance; (e) add AGBU 4033, Agricultural Policy; (f) delete ACCT 2013, Accounting Principles II; (g) delete AGPS 3053, Weeds and Weed Control; (h) delete 12 hours of Agricultural Electives; (i) delete 2 hours of Electives; (j) change AGPS 1023 (old number), Principles of Horticulture, to AGPS 1024 (new number); (k) change AGPS 3043 (old number), Plant Propagation, to AGPS 3044 (new number); (l) change AGPS 3063 (old number), Vegetable Growing, to AGPS 3064 (new number); and (m) change AGSS 2013 (old number), Soils, to AGSS 2014 (new number); (13) modify the Curriculum in Agricultural Business (Animal Science Option) as follows: (a) add AGBU 1013, Principles of Agricultural Business; (b) add AGBU 3213, Career Development in Agriculture; (c) add AGBU 4033, Agricultural Policy; (d) add AGEG 3413, Agricultural Waste Management; (e) add AGPS 1003, Principles of Crop Science; (f) add AGPS 1024, Principles of Horticulture; (g) add AGPS 3244, Plant Pathology; (h) add CHEM 1114, A Survey

of Chemistry; (i) delete ACCT 2013, Accounting Principles II; (j) delete AGAS 1011, Principles of Animal Science Laboratory; (k) delete AGAS 3113, Light Horse Production; (l) delete 3 hours of Poultry Science; (m) delete BIOL 3054, Microbiology; (n) delete CHEM 2124, General Chemistry I; (o) delete CHEM 2134, General Chemistry II; (p) delete 10 hours of electives; (q) change AGAS 1013 (old number), Principles of Animal Science, to AGAS 1014 (new number); (r) change AGAS 3003 (old number), Reproduction in Farm Animals, to AGAS 3004 (new number); (s) change AGAS 3013 (old number), Beef Cattle Management, to AGAS 3014 (new number); (t) change AGAS 3103 (old number), Swine Management, to AGAS 3104 (new number); and (u) change AGSS 2103 (old number), Soils, to AGSS 2014 (new number); and (14) change the title for the Curriculum in Pre-Veterinary Medicine to Curriculum in Agriculture Business (Pre-Veterinary Medicine Option) and modify the curriculum as follows: (a) add ACCT 2003, Principles of Accounting I; (b) add AGBU 1013, Principles of Agricultural Business; (c) add AGBU 2063, Principles of Agricultural Macroeconomics; (d) add AGBU 2073, Principles of Agricultural Microeconomics; (e) add AGBU 3213, Career Development in Agriculture; (f) add AGBU 4003, Agri-Business Management; (g) add AGBU 4013, Agricultural Marketing; (h) add AGBU 4023, Agricultural Finance; (i) add AGBU 4033, Agricultural Policy; (j) add AGEG 3413, Agricultural Waste Management; (k) add AGPS 3244, Plant Pathology; (l) add BUAD 2033, Legal Environment of Business; (m) add 3 hours of fine arts; (n) add MATH 2163, Introduction to Statistical Methods; (o) add 2 hours of Physical Activity; (p) add 6 hours of social sciences; (q) delete the 3 hour Animal or Poultry Science Elective; (r) delete AHS 2013, Medical Terminology; (s) delete BIOL 4054, Vertebrate Histology; (t) delete 3 hours electives; (u) delete MATH 1203, Plane Trigonometry; and (v) change AGAS 1013 (old number), Principles of Animal Science, to AGAS 1014 (new number). Motion carried.

H. Department of Parks, Recreation and Hospitality Administration

Motion by Dr. Roberts, seconded by Dr. Knight, to: (1) modify the course description for RP 3093, Interpretive Methods; (2) add RP 3503, Recreational Sport Management, to the course descriptions; (3) change the title for RP 3993, Advanced Firefighting-Wildland/Urban Interface, to Wildland Fire Practices in Natural Resource Management, and modify the course description; (4) modify the course description for RP/HA 4001, Internship Preparation; (5) modify the course description for HA 4063, Beverage Management; (6) modify the course description for HA 4073, Hospitality Financial Analysis; (7) modify the course description for RP/HA 4116, Internship; (8) (a) delete RP/HA 1001, Orientation to Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration from the course descriptions and affected curricula; and (b) add one hour of elective to the Curriculum in Recreation and Park Administration: Recreation Administration Emphasis, Therapeutic Recreation Emphasis, Park Administration Emphasis, Turf Management Emphasis, and Interpretation Emphasis and the Curriculum in Hospitality Administration; (9) modify the Curriculum in Recreation and Park Administration: Turf Management Emphasis as follows: (a) delete RP 1001, Orientation to Parks, Recreation, and Hospitality Administration; (b) delete AGSS 2013, Soils; (c) delete AGPS 1023, General Horticulture; (d) delete LBMD 2001, Introduction to Library Resources; (e) delete CHEM 2143, Environmental Chemistry; (f) delete RP 3053, Natural Resources Management and Planning; (g) delete HA 4023, Hospitality Facilities Management and Design; (h) delete RP 4093, Resort Management; (i) delete one hour of approved electives; (j) add AGEG 3003, Solving Agricultural

Problems; (k) add AGPS 3053, Weeds and Weed Control; (l) add AGPS 3244, Plant Pathology; (m) add AGSS 3033, Soil Fertility; (n) add AGPS 1024, General Horticulture; and (o) add AGSS 2014, Soils; and (10) modify the Curriculum in Recreation and Park Administration: Recreation Administration Emphasis as follows: (a) add RP 3503, Recreational Sport Management; and (b) delete 3 hours of approved electives. Motion carried.

ELECTRONIC
VOTING/
UNIVERSITY-WIDE
ELECTIONS

President Wilkerson asked Dr. Philpotts to speak to issues relating to the university-wide standing committee elections and electronic voting. Dr. Philpotts reminded the Senators that he was one of a sub-committee of three (i.e., Philpotts, Greco, and Robertson) who had worked on the campus wide electronic voting initiative this past spring. He stated that this committee had met again this fall to review the process. As a result of that meeting, he reported that the sub-committee is recommending the Senate form a continuing sub-committee to be composed of three senators, at least one who is conversant with Blackboard, on rotating terms (i.e., one in their first year on the Senate, one in their second year, and one in their third year). After discussion, no objections and a consensus for this recommendation were noted by the chair. Ms. Robison volunteered to serve as did Dr. Montgomery. It was determined that the Senate chair each fall would ask for a volunteer from those Senators in their first term of appointment. For spring 2006, the present sub-committee along with Ms. Robison and Dr. Montgomery will oversee the elections.

Dr. Robertson noted a few unresolved problems relating to using Blackboard for the elections. The sub-committee hand counted the ballots in some instances in order to accurately determine the election of the positions. Dr. Greco pointed out that one issue with using another software program, such as WebSurveyor, is the ability to verify that each voting faculty member only voted once. Dr. Greco recommended that the sub-committee evaluate whether another software program could be purchased in order to facilitate elections. The sub-committee will continue to look at these issues.

President Wilkerson thanked the sub-committee for their work.

CAMPUS FREE
SPEECH AREA

President Wilkerson asked Dr. Mitchell to address the issue of the campus free speech area. Dr. Mitchell reported that he had discovered that Arkansas Tech University had a free speech area a few years ago when students collecting signatures on an issue had asked him to sign and indicated that they would be set up on the Williamson Hall lawn as per the *Student Handbook*. Dr. Mitchell stated that he is not certain if the University actually needs a designated free speech area, but if so, that he is opposed to the location of the area. Dr. Mitchell noted lawsuits having been brought on other campuses nationwide on this issue and stated that he believed the free speech area should be in the “heart of the campus.” Dr. Philpotts stated his preference that activities not take place near classrooms. Dr. Womack mentioned the Equal Access Act of 1984 which governs free speech activities in the public schools. After discussion, it was decided to invite Mr. Pennington, University Counsel, to speak to this issue at the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:
REPORT OF THE
PRESIDENT

President Wilkerson noted the recent luncheon hosted by the SGA and indicated the event had proven a good opportunity for positive exchange with the students. She stated that Dr. Biller was very appreciative of the Senators attending. President Wilkerson indicated she had spoken to Dr. Hamm concerning funding to allow the Senate to “return the favor” and stated that he had taken this under consideration.

President Wilkerson reported she had invited Dr. Hamm to attend the February meeting to speak to the Senate’s recommendations concerning the student evaluation forms.

President Wilkerson distributed the minutes of the Arkansas Consortium of University Faculty Senate Chairs meeting held on campus October 14.

President Wilkerson reminded the Senators of the bond election to be held December 13.

OPEN FORUM

Dr. Mitchell commented that he had been following presentations in the local media concerning the bond election and noted that most appear to be “pro bond.” He noted that an argument could be made that passage of the bond issue is “bad public policy” as the state would be committed to repayment of the bonds regardless of K-12, health care, and prison funding issues. Dr. Mitchell stated that an *Arkansas Times*’ article had reported that Arkansas has \$160 million in public debt, more per capita debt than any other state in the country. Dr. Mitchell indicated that his remarks today were made to present a balanced argument about the issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/
INFORMATION
ITEMS: SPRING
MEETING TIME

After discussion, it was determined that the regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for spring 2006 would be the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 4 p.m. An exception for the January meeting will be made; this meeting will be January 17. President Wilkerson stated that she would invite Mr. Pennington, University Counsel, to this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marti Wilkerson, M.R.C., President



Carey Roberts, Ph.D., Secretary