

Minutes of
THE FACULTY SENATE
OF
ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

The Faculty Senate met Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Room 325 of the Ross Pendergraft Library and Technology Center. The following members were present:

Dr. Jennifer Helms	Dr. David Eshelman
Dr. Glen Bishop	Dr. Penny Willmering
Dr. Eric Lovely	Dr. Tom Limperis
Dr. Gill Richards	Mr. David Mudrinich
Dr. Linda Bean	Dr. Annette Holeyfield
Dr. Alex Mirkovic	Dr. Cathy Baker
Dr. Jim Walton	Dr. Jeff Robertson
Dr. V. Carole Smith	

Dr. Larry Morell and Mr. Ken Futterer were absent. Dr. Micheal Tarver, Dr. Bruce Tedford, Dr. Kevin Mason, Dr. Charles Gagen, Dr. Carey Roberts, Mr. Ed Leachman, Dr. Carl Brucker, Dr. Cathi McMahan, Dr. Dan Martin, Dr. David Osburn, Dr. Jason Warnick, Dr. Forrest Anderson, Dr. David Ward, Dr. Qing Zeng, Dr. Lyman Harris, Dr. Michael Garner, Dr. Sean Huss, Dr. John Krohn, Dr. Dennis Williams, Dr. Julie Mikles-Schluterman, Dr. William Schumann, Dr. Alejandra Carballo, Dr. Eric Bowne, and Dr. Jason Ulsperger were visitors.

CALL TO ORDER

President Bishop called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Willmering. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes by Dr. Bean, seconded by Dr. Smith. President Bishop asked for any amendments or corrections. Motion to amend the minutes by Dr. Lovely, seconded by Dr. Mirkovic. Dr. Lovely read a statement he asked to have included in the minutes in the Open Forum section where a discussion of the Senate's role in review of curriculum proposals had occurred. Dr. Lovely noted that he had made this statement at the meeting and stated that its inclusion in the minutes added clarity to his position. Dr. Helms asked that the minutes, where appropriate, clarify that the curriculum proposals submitted by the Department of Nursing related to the RN to BSN and the LPN to BSN programs. Motion to amend the minutes carried. Motion to approve the minutes carried.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS:
CURRICULAR
ITEMS

Motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Eshelman, to approve the following proposals:

Department of Art

(a) change the course number for ART 2503, Introduction to Opaque Painting, to ART 3403; (b) modify the prerequisite for ART 3503, Painting Studio I, from Art 2503, Introduction to Opaque Painting, to ART 3403, Introduction to Opaque Painting; (c) modify the course description for ART 4243, Professional Portfolio Preparation for Graphic Designers; (d) modify the course description for ART 4703, Senior Project and Exhibition; (e) modify the Curriculum in Fine Arts as follows: delete ART 2503, Introduction to Opaque Painting, and add ART 3403, Introduction to Opaque Painting; (f) modify the Curriculum in Graphic Design as follows: add ART 3253, Computer Illustration, and delete ART 4703, Senior Project and Exhibition, and (g) modify the Curriculum in Art for Teacher Licensure as

follows: delete ART 2503, Introduction to Opaque Painting, and add ART 3403, Introduction to Opaque Painting;

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Lovely, seconded by Dr. Willmering, to approve the following proposals:

Department of Behavioral Sciences

(a) delete the following courses from the course descriptions: ANTH 3233, MesoAmerican Archaeology; CJ 2013, Introduction to Security; CJ/RS 3063, Probation and Parole; SOC 3003, Sociology of Complex Organizations; SOC 3053, Population Problems; (b) add the following courses to the course descriptions: ANTH 2103, Human Ecology of the Mountain South; ANTH 2303, Globalization; ANTH 3303, Southeastern Archaeology; ANTH 3313, Southeastern Indians; ANTH 3403, Ethnographic Methods; ANTH 4103, Anthropology of Europe; CJ 4141-4, Seminar in Criminal Justice; PSY/SOC 2063, Research Design for the Behavioral Sciences; PSY 2093, Human Sexuality; PSY 2133, Cross-Cultural Psychology; PSY 3083, Psychology of Women; PSY 3173, Psychology of Consciousness; PSY 3813, Lifespan Development; PSY 4003, Advanced Research Method and Lab for Psychology; PSY 4133, Psychopharmacology; SOC 3033, Environment and Society; SOC/CJ 4013, Drugs in Society; SOC 4023, Sociology of Gender; SOC 4283, Sociology Capstone; RS 3153, Assistive Technology in Rehabilitation Settings; RS 3163, Addictions Assessment, Planning, and Treatment Strategies; RS 3173, Addictions and the Family; RS 4094, Field Placement in Addictions; (c) change the course number for ANTH 3223, North American Archaeology, to ANTH 2223; (d) change the course number for ANTH 3203, Indians of North America, to ANTH 2203; (e) add ANTH to the cross listing for MUS 4853/5853, Music of the World's Peoples; (f) modify the Curriculum in Sociology as follows: delete COMS 1003, Introduction to Computer Based Systems; add SOC 2063, Research Design for the Behavioral Sciences, and SOC 4283, Sociology Capstone; and reduce 3000/4000-level SOC Electives from 15 hours to 12 hours; and (g) modify the Curriculum in Psychology as follows: delete PSY 2074, Experimental Psychology; add one hour of elective; add PSY 2063, Research Design for the Behavioral Sciences; add PSY 4003, Advanced Research Method and Lab for Psychology; select 12 hours from the Topical Core which includes PSY 3003, Abnormal Psychology, PSY 3053, Physiological Psychology, PSY 3063, Developmental Psychology I, PSY 3073, Psychology of Learning, PSY 4043, Social Psychology, and PSY 4073, Cognitive Psychology; and reduce PSY Electives to 6 hours of 3000/4000-level courses.

After lengthy discussion concerning aspects of the curricular process, motion by Dr. Richards, seconded by Dr. Bean, to move the previous question. Motion carried. Motion to approve the proposals carried.

Motion by Dr. Walton, seconded by Dr. Smith, to approve the following proposal:

Department of Biological Sciences

(a) modify the Curriculum in Life Science and Earth Science for Teacher Licensure as follows: add BIOL 3124, General Physiology, OR BIOL 3174, Physiological Ecology, to the required BIOL courses.

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Baker, seconded by Dr. Willmering, to approve the following proposal:

Departments of Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences

(a) request BIOL/PHSC 1004, Principles of Environmental Science, be added to the General Education Requirements listing for Science.

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Richards, seconded by Dr. Eshelman, to approve the following proposals:

Department of Electrical Engineering

(a) delete ELEG 3151, Electrical Machines Laboratory, from the course descriptions; and

(b) delete ELEG 4163, Acoustics, from the course descriptions.

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Robertson, seconded by Dr. Lovely, to reject the following proposal:

Department of Emergency Management

(a) add EAM 4063/EMHS 5063, Forecasting Weather for Emergency Managers, to the course descriptions.

Motion to amend by Dr. Richards to remand the proposal to the Curriculum Committee for determination if the new course is a duplication of an existing meteorology course; amendment was adopted. The amended motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Robertson, seconded by Dr. Walton, to approve the following proposals:

Department of Emergency Management

(b) modify the course description for EAM 4023, Information Technology and Emergency Management; and (c) modify the Curriculum In Emergency Management as follows: (1) add footnote 4 See appropriate substitutions in “EAM Core” to EAM 4023, Information Technology and Emergency Management and (2) delete EAM 3133, Applied Principles of Personnel Management; and modify the EAM Core listing as follows: add EAM 4023, Information Technology and Emergency Management, to the list of required EAM Core courses.

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Lovely, seconded by Dr. Willmering, to approve the following proposals:

Department of English

(a) add ENGL 3043, Literary Editing and Publishing, to the course descriptions; (b) add ENGL 4173/5173, Seminar in Film Studies, to the course descriptions; (c) change the title of ENGL 4683/5683, Seminar in Women’s Studies, to Seminar in Gender Studies; and (d) modify the Curriculum in Creative Writing and in Creative Writing Education, as follows: add ENGL 3043, Literary Editing and Publishing; and delete 3 hours of ENGL 2881, Practicum-Literary Journal Publication; and ENGL 4881-4, Practicum-Editing Literary Journal.

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Mirkovic, seconded by Dr. Richards, to approve the following proposals:

Department of Foreign Languages and International Studies

a) add SPAN 4813, U.S. Latino/a Literature and Culture, to the course descriptions; (b) modify the Curriculum in Foreign Languages Concentration in Spanish Medical Interpretation as follows: change the course number for NUR 3303, Health Assessment for Medical Interpreters, to NUR 3302, and add one hour of Spanish elective; and (c) modify the Curriculum in International Studies as follows: delete 6 hours of electives; delete HIST 4443, Europe in the 20th Century; HIST 4463, History of Russia; HIST 4603, Modern Far East; and HIST 4703, History of Modern Africa; require HIST 3313, Colonial Latin America, and HIST 3323, Modern Latin America; and add HIST 3803, History of the Middle East, to the world history block. The current courses in the world history block include HIST 3533, History of Russia; HIST 3603, History of Modern East Asia; HIST 3703, History of Modern Africa; or HIST 3803, History of the Middle East.

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Mirkovic, seconded by Dr. Willmering, to approve the following proposals:

Department of History and Political Science

(a) add HIST 1903, Survey of American History, to the course descriptions, and replace HIST 2003, U.S. History I, and HIST 2013, U.S. History II, in the listing for General Education Requirements in the section titled “Social Sciences – 12 hours;” HIST 2003, U.S. History I, and HIST 2013, U.S. History II, would remain in the section titled “Nine additional hours from the following;” and (b) modify the Curriculum in Social Studies Education as follows: add ECON 2013, Principles of Economics II, and delete HLED 1513, Personal Health and Wellness.

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Bean, seconded by Dr. Walton, to approve the following proposals:

Department of Management and Marketing

(a) modify the Curriculum in Business Education as follows: delete COMS 1003, Introduction to Computer Based Systems, and add BUAD 2003, Business Information Systems; and (b) modify the Curriculum in Business Education as follows: delete MATH 2243, Calculus for Business and Economics, and add MATH 2223, Quantitative Business Analysis.

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Walton, seconded by Dr. Mirkovic, to approve the following proposal:

Department of Mathematics

(a) delete MATH 1103, Algebra for General Education, from the course descriptions.

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Richards, seconded by Dr. Smith, to approve the following proposals:

Department of Mechanical Engineering

(a) add MCEG 4053, Corrosion Principles, to the course descriptions; (b) change the course number for MCEG 3043, Physical Metallurgy, to MCEG 4043; (c) change the course

number for MCEG 3042, Metallurgy Laboratory, to MCEG 4042, and change the co-requisite to MCEG 4043, Physical Metallurgy, and modify the course description; and (d) modify the Curriculum in Associate of Science in Nuclear Technology as follows: delete MCEG 1002, Engineering Graphics; 6 hours of Technical Electives; MCEG 2033, Dynamics; ELEG 2103, Electric Circuits I; and PHYS 2124, General Physics II; and add 6 hours of Social Sciences; ECON 2003, Principles of Economics I; 3 hours of Fine Arts; 3 hours of Humanities; and 4 hours of Biological Science.

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Mirkovic, seconded by Mr. Mudrinich, to approve the following proposals:

Department of Parks, Recreation and Hospitality Administration

(a) add RP 3403, Financing Recreation and Parks, to the course descriptions; (b) modify the course description and change the title for RP 2013, Landscape Materials and Construction, to Landscape Planning and Design; (c) modify the course description for RP/HA 2133, Introduction to Travel and Tourism; (d) modify the course description for RP 3043, Work Experience and delete the cross-listing with HA; (e) (two proposals) (1) Modify the course description for RP 3063, Outdoor Education, and (2) add a \$25 transportation fee to the course; (f) modify the course description for RP 3503, Recreational Sport Management; (g) delete the Pre or Co-requisites: BIOL 2134, Principles of Biology, and CHEM 1114, A Survey of Chemistry, from RP 3763, Introduction to Turf Management; (h) delete the Pre or Co-requisite: RP 3763, Introduction to Turf Management, from RP 3793, Turfgrass Pest Control; (i) modify the course description for RP 4013, Recreation and Park Administration; (j) modify the course description for RP 4023, Research Methods; (k) delete the Pre or Co-requisites: RP 3034, Site Planning and Design, RP 3763, Introduction to Turf Management, and RP 3793, Turfgrass Pest Control, or permission, from RP 4753, Sports Field Management and Design; (l) delete the Pre or Co-requisites: RP 3034, Site Planning and Design, RP 3763, Introduction to Turf Management, and RP 3793, Turfgrass Pest Control, from RP 4763, Golf Course Operations and Design; and (m) modify the Curriculum in Recreation and Park Administration Turf Management Option as follows: delete AGEG 3003, Solving Agricultural Problems, and AGSS 3033, Soil Fertility, and add six hours of approved electives.

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Bean, seconded by Dr. Walton, to approve the following proposal:

Department of Speech, Theatre, and Journalism

(a) add SPH 3163, Writing for Performance, to the course descriptions.

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Mirkovic to remand the following proposals to the Curriculum Committee for additional review:

University Honors Program

(a) add the following courses to the course descriptions and to the general education offerings: BIOL 2144, Honors Zoology; ECON 2103, Honors Principles of Economics I; ENGL 2023, Honors World Literature; PHSC 1033, Honors Introduction to Physical Science and PHSC 1031, Honors Physical Science Laboratory; HIST 1543, Honors World Civilization I; HIST 2043, Honors U.S. History I; and PHIL 2043, Honors Introduction to Philosophy; and (b) modify the Honors Curriculum as follows: (1) replace HIST 1503,

World Civilization I (H01), or HIST 1513, World Civilization II (H01), with HIST 1543, Honors World Civilization I; (2) replace HIST 2003, US History I (H01), or HIST 2013, US History II (H01), with HIST 2043, Honors U.S. History I; (3) replace PHSC 1013, Introduction to Physical (H01), and PHSC 1021, Physical Science Laboratory (H01), or BIOL 2124, Principles of Zoology (H01), with PHSC 1033, Honors Introduction to Physical Science and PHSC 1031, Honors Physical Science Laboratory, or BIOL 2144, Honors Zoology; (4) replace ECON 2003, Principles of Economics I (H01), with ECON 2103, Honors Principles of Economics I; and (5) replace PHIL 2003, Introduction to Philosophy (H01), or ENGL 2003, Introduction to World Literature (H01), with PHIL 2043, Honors Introduction to Philosophy, or ENGL 2023, Honors World Literature.

After discussion, during which it was noted that these courses are existing courses but with new course numbers to be used for university honors sections, Dr. Mirkovic withdrew his motion. Motion by Dr. Mirkovic, seconded by Dr. Willmering, to approve the course proposals. Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Lovely, seconded by Dr. Mirkovic, to approve the following proposal:

Department of Music

(a) Add ANTH to the cross-listing for MUS 4853/5853, Music of the World's Peoples.

Motion carried.

ASSESSMENT AND THE CURRICULAR CHANGE PROCESS

Dr. Robertson reported that the Assessment Committee, in an effort to clarify the information being requested on curriculum proposals, has proposed new wording for the curricular forms relating to assessment. He distributed the wording and read the proposed wording as follows: *Describe the evidence derived from your program assessment that justifies this request. Assessment evidence may come from direct and indirect measures of student learning as well as analysis of the current state of the discipline.* Specific to general education proposals, Dr. Robertson read the following: *Describe the evidence derived from your departmental assessment efforts that justifies this request. Assessment evidence may come from direct and indirect measures of student learning as well as scholarly analysis of core curricula at other institutions.* Motion to approve the wording by Dr. Richards, seconded by Dr. Mirkovic. Motion to amend the curricular proposals to also include the instruction “Please Type” by Dr. Bean, seconded by Dr. Mirkovic. Motion carried. Motion to approve the new wording carried.

Dr. Lovely stated that he had two items relating to the curricular process to discuss at this time. Motion by Dr. Lovely, seconded by Dr. Richards, to thank the faculty membership of the Curriculum Committee for their increased diligence and careful and considerate review of the curriculum proposals. Motion carried. President Bishop stated he would convey the Senate’s appreciation by a memo to the Curriculum Committee chair.

Dr. Lovely distributed information from an AAUP document concerning the faculty’s responsibilities relating to curriculum. He read the following statement from the document: *“The faculty has primary responsibility for such fundamental areas as curriculum. . .”* He then advised that he does not see the value of students on faculty committees having voting privileges. He read an additional statement from the document: *“Ways should be found to permit significant student participation within the limits of attainable effectiveness. The obstacles to such participation are large and should not be minimized: inexperience, untested capacity, a transitory status which means that present action does not carry with it subsequent responsibility, and the inescapable fact that the other components of the institution are in a position of judgment over the students.”* Dr. Lovely stated he would

argue it is the AAUP's position that students on faculty committees should not be voting members. He reported that he had attended the Curriculum Committee meeting in November and that the students' actions during that meeting had demonstrated the need to make this change, noting that students cannot take the long view. Motion by Dr. Lovely to change student members on faculty committees to non-voting members. He stated that if this motion were approved, he would ask the Senate to direct the chair of the Curriculum Committee to not count the votes of the student members during any spring meetings while the Senate sought a change in the *Faculty Handbook*. Dr. Eshelman stated his reluctance to vote on this issue without study. Dr. Smith questioned whether issues relating to student participation on faculty committees had arisen before or if this is a matter of clarifying the student member's expectations. Dr. Walton expressed reluctance to reduce student involvement in matters of the institution. He noted some concerns relating to student involvement in curricular issues but stated again his reluctance to reduce their role. President Bishop noted the discussion served as a second to Dr. Lovely's motion. Dr. Lovely stated that he would like to amend his motion as a result of the discussion and limit the vote to only those students serving on the Curriculum Committee. Dr. Richards seconded the amendment. Motion on amendment carried. President Bishop asked for a vote on the original motion. Motion failed.

REPORT BY SUB-COMMITTEE ON HIRING GUIDELINES

President Bishop asked Dr. Lovely for a report. Dr. Lovely distributed two resolutions for review and consideration. He noted that he had spoken with Dr. Watson concerning the search committee's role in preparation of a job advertisement and that Dr. Watson had clarified that it is not a violation of the current guidelines to exclude the search committee from having input into the advertisement. He stated that the subcommittee then met and proposed the resolutions. Motion by Dr. Lovely, seconded by Dr. Willmering, to add the faculty search committee to the list of those responsible for forming the advertisement. The resolution reads as follows: *The Faculty Senate resolves that the current "PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR FILLING FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION VACANCIES" statement regarding advertising and position description for faculty and administrative vacancies be changed to the following: "The dean, department head, and faculty search committee, in consultation with the vice president for academic affairs, will develop the advertisement and position description which will be reviewed by the affirmative action officer. The office of the vice president for academic affairs will be responsible for submitting the advertisement to two national publications."* Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Lovely to adopt the following resolution: *Effective faculty participation in the faculty hiring process is fundamental to academic shared governance. Faculty expertise in specifying positions and selecting new scholars to fill them is central to the University's mission of creating and maintaining high quality academic programs. The Faculty Senate therefore RESOLVES that current procedures which constrain the proper use of faculty search committees shall be corrected so that the faculty search committees: (A) Participate in generating appropriate position qualifications (the position advertisement); (B) Propose the candidates for telephone interviews; (C) Propose the candidates to be invited for the on campus interviews; and (D) Vote and rank the candidates.* Dr. Walton stated that the Senate should not have a university-wide policy which tells a search committee what to do. After discussion, motion by Dr. Baker, seconded by Dr. Robertson, to amend the wording of the resolution to delete A – D and reword the last sentence of the resolution to read: *"The Faculty Senate therefore RESOLVES that current procedures which constrain the proper use of faculty search committees shall be corrected so that the faculty search committees will participate in the selection and review of candidates."* Motion to amend the wording carried. Motion to approve the resolution as amended carried. Dr. Lovely questioned whether the subcommittee could continue to meet and review the hiring guidelines; President Bishop stated the subcommittee could meet until officially disbanded.

OPEN FORUM President Bishop asked for items for Open Forum. Dr. Bean stated that the Senate had asked for inclusion of grade distribution information to be added to the teaching portfolio of an application for promotion and/or tenure, and noted that the *Faculty Handbook* had been updated to include this material. However, she noted that it was only updated in one spot in the *Handbook*. Dr. Bean asked that a subcommittee work with her in the spring to review the promotion and tenure policy and make sure that information needed for adequate review of a portfolio is included in all sections where applicable. She stated that the work of the subcommittee would be one of suggesting “edits” to make the policy more consistent. President Bishop stated that this item would be placed on the February agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/
INFORMATION
ITEMS Dr. Roberts asked to address the Senate and stated that he has continued to act as webmaster for the Senate and is willing to continue to do so. He stated he would be happy to answer any questions concerning the website at any time.

After discussion, the Faculty Senate meeting day and time for spring, 2010, was set for the second Friday of the month at 3 p.m. beginning in February.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Glen Bishop, Ph.D., President



Cathy Baker, Ph.D., Secretary