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Minutes of
THE FACULTY SENATE OF
ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

This meeting of the 2023-2024 Faculty Senate was held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, in Rothwell 456 and via Webex. The following members were present:

Mr. Stan Apple	Ms. Tara Malone
Dr. Michael Bradley	Dr. Julie Mikles-Schluterman
Dr. John Clements	Dr. Tom Nupp
Dr. Rene Couture	Dr. Michael Rogers
Dr. Melissa Darnell	Dr. Kuldeep Singh
Dr. Peter Dykema	Dr. Bethany Swindell
Ms. Jasmine Greer	Ms. Sherry Tinerella
Dr. Jacob Grosskopf	Dr. Ellen Treadway
Dr. Newt Hilliard	Dr. Erica Wondolowski
Dr. Virginia Jones	Ms. Susan West
Dr. Carey Ellis Laffoon	Dr. Azin Sanjari Pirmahaleh

Also present: Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe (Interim VPAA); Dr. Jeanine Myers (Associate VPAA); Ms. Tammy Weaver, Registrar

I.   **Call to Order:** Dr. Newt Hilliard called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. **Approval of Sept Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting from Stan Apple, seconded by Dr. Carey Ellis Laffoon. Motion carried.

III. **Committee Updates**

    A. **Standing Committees**
       i.   Budget Advisory Committee (Dr. Tom Nupp): No Update
      ii. General Education Committee (Ms. Sherry Tinerella): No Update
     iii. Institutional Aid Committee: Dr. Peter Dykema: No Update
     iv. Shared Governance Committee: Dr. Newt Hilliard; No Update
      v. Campus Space and Utilization Committee: Dr. Kuldeep Singh: No Update
     vi. Faculty Salary and Benefits Committee: Dr. Newt Hilliard: No Update
    vii. Institutional Scholarship Appeals Committee: Dr. Bethany Swindell: No Update
   viii. Professional Development Committee: Dr. Peter Dykema: No Update
    ix. Technology Prioritization and Impact Committee: Dr. Stan Apple: No Update

    x. Emergency Management and Safety Committee: No Update.

B. Ad Hoc & Senate Committees
    i. Faculty Workload Committee: Dr. Melissa Darnell: No Update
    ii. Insurance Benefit Committee: No Update
    iii. Faculty Senate Diversity and Inclusion Action Committee: Dr. Erica Wondolowski: No Update
    iv. Exploratory Committee on P&T Salary Increases: No Update
    v. Prior Learning Assessment: Dr. Julie Mikles-Schluterman: Dr. Jeanine Myers reported that the committee is making progress toward a plan for faculty compensation for scoring assessments.
    vi. Micro-Credentials (Bradley): No Update
    vii. Rules Committee: Dr. Peter Dykema: No Update
    viii. Recruitment and Retention: No Update

C. New Business
i. VPAA Update: Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe reported Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe reported that the University Promotion and Tenure Committee (UPTC) completed its work in a timely manner. VPAA Provost interviews were underway at this time.
ii. Curriculum Committee: Curriculum changes were presented by Ms. Tammy Weaver and approved unanimously.
iii. Eclipse 2024 Update: Ms. Susan West provided an update on the 2024 Eclipse, which included a report on the ATU Board of Trustees' approval of a rental reservation plan and approval of food trucks to serve visitors.
iv. Reduction in Force Policy Update: Dr. Newt Hilliard reported that committee newly-formed committee will revisit the Faculty Elimination Policy and submit a draft to Faculty Senate at the February 13 meeting. Faculty Senate members of the committee are Dr. Newt Hilliard, Dr. Mike Bradley, Dr. Mike Rogers, Dr. Erica Wondolowski, Dr. Jacob Grosskopf, and Dr. Tim Nupp. They will collaborate with Dr. Jeff Bright, who served on the original committee, and Dr. Sean Huss and Dr. Jeremy Schwehm, non-Senate faculty, who have volunteered to assist in writing this policy draft. Feedback on the current policy may be submitted to the writing committee by emailing facultysenate@atu.edu.

D. Old Business

E. Open Forum

F. Announcements and Information Items

IV. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Hilliard at 1:40 pm, seconded by Mr. Apple. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Newt Hilliard

Dr. Newt Hilliard, Chair

Ellen Treadway

Dr. Ellen Treadway, Secretary

College of Arts & Humanities – Department of Behavioral Sciences
1. Add SOC 3123: Sociology of Culture, to the course descriptions;
2. Add SOC 3141: Careers in Sociology, to the course descriptions;
3. Add SOC 3143: Qualitative Research Methods, to the course descriptions;
4. Add the Accelerated Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice to Master of Science in Student Affairs Administration;
5. Add the Accelerated Bachelor of Arts in Psychology to Master of Science in Student Affairs Administration; and
6. Add the Accelerated Bachelor of Arts in Sociology to Master of Science in Student Affairs Administration.

College of Arts & Humanities – Department of English and World Languages
1. Modify the Bachelor of Arts in World Languages – Spanish

College of Business & Economics – School of Business
1. Modify the Curriculum in Health and Information Management.

College of Education & Health – Department of Emergency Management, Professional Studies, & Student Affairs Administration
1. Add OL 3233: Volunteer Leadership and Development;
2. Modify the Curriculum in Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership (all concentrations); and
3. Add the Accelerated Bachelor of Arts in Organization Leadership to Master of Arts in Organizational Development Learning.

College of Education & Health – Department of Kinesiology & Rehabilitation Science
1. Add RS 3063: Resiliency, Vulnerability, and Crisis, to the course descriptions;
2. Add RS 4243/CNSL 5243: Psychopathology, to the course descriptions;
3. Modify RS 3003 Medical and Psychosocial Aspects of Disability, as follows: change the course number to RS 4003; add the cross listing CNSL 5003; require a grade of C or better; and modify the course description;
4. Modify RS 3123: Ethics and Professional Development, as follows: change the course number to RS 4223; and add the cross listing CNSL 5223;
5. Modify RS 3133: Diversity and Inclusion in Human Service Settings, as follows: change the course number to RS 4233; add the cross listing CNSL 5233; require a grade of C or better; add a prerequisite; and modify the course description;
6. Modify the Curriculum in Rehabilitation Science;
7. Modify the Minor in Additions;
8. Modify the Minor in Child Welfare and Social Services;
9. Modify the Minor in Disability;
10. Modify the Minor in Recreation Services;
11. Modify the Minor in Rehabilitation Science; and
12. Delete the Minor in Aging.

College of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics – Department of Engineering & Computing Sciences

1. Add CMPE 4191: Computer Engineering Design Project I, to the course descriptions;
2. Add CMPE 4192: Computer Engineering Design Project II, to the course descriptions:
3. Modify the Curriculum in Computer Engineering;
4. Modify the Curriculum in Information Technology Track 1: Programming, Database, and Web; and
5. Modify the Curriculum in Information Technology Track 2: Network and Security.