ASU FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
October 20, 2000

FACULTY ASSOCIATION
Jeff Bailey, President (Library) absent
Mary Jean Rutherford, Past President (NHP) absent
Nonie Wiggins, Secretary/Treasurer (NHP) absent

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
Paul Armah

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Roger Abernathy
Bob Bennett
Ron Endicott absent
Dick Freer absent
David Jimerson absent
Ernesto Lombeida
Bill Maynard absent
Victoria Spaniol
Richard Wang absent

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Dan Marburger
Clint Relyea proxy
Jim Washam

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS
Jack Zibluk

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Cindy Albright
Steve Hagggbloom proxy
Joe Justen absent
Veda McClain
Carl Vaupel absent

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Charles Coleman

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
Bill Rowe
Molly Simpson
Theron Waddle absent
CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:00pm by vice chair Bennett.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Vice Chair Bennett called for any corrections or additions to the minutes of October 6, 2000. No corrections or additions were identified. Minutes will stand as distributed.

REPORTS
Vice Chair Bennett reminded the senators to please send proxies if senators cannot attend a meeting. Report from Enrollment Management Committee read by Vice Chair Bennett (submitted by Dee Layton, chair EMC) There are 3 issues being discussed.

1. Admission and re-admission standards with regard to the Re_Start and Quest programs. We are looking at research related to the persistence of low ACT students.

2. The policy that allows a student to repeat 18 hours of the first 54 hours for grade replacement is being discussed. We are looking at changing the 54 to 59 to be in compliance with the end
of the sophomore status.

3. Maximum academic load was discussed in light of several issues. Current policy is to accept no more than 18 hours for each semester when a student transfers into the institution. Because other institutions do not limit students to 18 hours, this means some students are unable to transfer in all completed hours. The second issue related to academic load is concurrent enrollment. Summer maximums can also be problematic with 4-hour courses and lab courses.

There was some discussion about these issues. The senators asked for clarification and further information from the EMC on these issues. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Bennett reported on the theft of the Herald's in April of 1998. In a letter from President Wyatt to President Bailey stated that the investigation was stalled in April of 1998. The President apologized for the failure of any follow-up. The letter will be on file for review. The more recent theft of August 7th 2000 investigation has produced a suspect. However, this suspect has not been prosecuted due to failure of eye-witnesses to make a statement. The suspect did admit to taking the copies from the post office and therefore the case is in the ASU judicial review process. Other discussion followed regarding theft of the Herald.

Vice Chair Bennett reported from the Distance Learning Committee for Nonie Wiggins. The committee has met once and chose Nonie Wiggins and Clint Relyea as co-chairs. The committee is scheduled to meet again during the following week.

Vice Chair Bennett also reported for Chair Bailey on the President's Council and the Academic affairs council. Vice Chair Bennett read from a news release from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, concerning the growth of public colleges and universities across the state. Discussion followed regarding the growth at ASU Jonesboro and its branch campuses.

OLD BUSINESS
Vice Chair Bennett announced that Michael Morrell, Political Science, has volunteered to be the Senate Parliamentarian. Vice Chair Bennett made the motion to accept Michael Morrell as the senate parliamentarian. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS
Senator Rowe inquired about the search for the new VPAA position. There is no information at this time. Senator Wang reminded the senate that the handbook outlines the faculty's involvement in the selection process of the VPAA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Vice Chair Bennet announced that the executive committee would be meeting with President Wyatt three times this year to discuss needs and issues. The first meeting will be on Friday, October 27.

ADJOURNMENT
Vice Chair Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:45.

Dee A. Layton