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## **Faculty Council Minutes, January 9, 2002**

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Recorder: E. Broughton

I. Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. Minutes of 12/5/01 were approved.

III. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** (A) Bob Lahidji, IT, has transitioned to interim department head; Gisela Ahlbrandt will replace him on FCEB as Chair of Technologies Issues. (B) **APPOINTMENTS.** Search Committee for Dean of Continuing Education: John Waltman COB, Marilyn Wedenoja CHHS, Sally McCracken CTA. Search Committee for Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs: Jill Dieterle CAS. (C) **ISSUE.** Elimination of the TWE requirement should be shared with faculty. (D) Enrollment is up 2.5%. (E) A Chair for the General Education Revision Committee has not been announced. The Chair will be a faculty member from a college other than Arts & Science. The Faculty Council will be informed when an announcement is made.

IV. **GUEST.** Whitney Harris, Director of Diversity and Affirmative Action. He shared his approach to Affirmative Action and diversity with the Faculty Council. He shared his work plan for 2001-02 and audits conducted. He also entertained questions from FC representatives.

V. **DISCUSSION ITEM.** Response to the Faculty Council Input to the Strategic Plan and the Implementation of the Strategic Initiatives. No recommendations were made concerning the Plan.

VI. **ACTION ITEM.** The Integration of the Elder Adult into the University Community. A discussion occurred; the FC was not confident that this proposal was reviewed by the College Input Committee. **MOTION:** To return this to the appropriate College Council prior to our review. 25 YES, 0 NO, 0 Abstentions; motion passed.

VII. **ACTION ITEM.** Transfer Credit Policy. A discussion occurred on input from different departments. Concerns were raised on item #4 (individual students *versus* specific course) and item #1, that the final decision not be the responsibility of the department head but of the faculty member. The response from the faculty is as follows: **ITEM #1:** FC strongly stated that faculty members make course equivalency decisions; **ITEM #2:** supported; **ITEM #3:** supported; **ITEM #4:** eliminate #4 because of too much variation for granting credit; **ITEM #5:** eliminate #5; this is between department faculty and the registrar. Finally, that departments conduct periodic reviews of all course equivalencies. **MOTION** passed with 25 YES, 0 NO, 0

Abstentions.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Mildred Lintner reported that Technology Surveys were extended until January 15.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

**PRESENT:** M. Kramer ACC, V. Okafor AFS, S. Sonstein AHP, H. Zot BIOL, T. McDole BTE, T. Brewer CHEM, S. McCracken CTA, M. Lintner COSC, S. Erenburg ECON, R. Sipe ENGL, I. Ahmad CIS, M. Zinggeler FLABS, L. Sickels-Taves GEO/GEOLOG, J. Armstrong HPERD, J. Dieterle HIS/PHIL, D. Silverman HECR, C. Haddad INDT, E. Broughton L&C, R. Baier HALLE, D. Barton MKT, G. Ahlbrandt MATH, J. Stone MUSC, L. Rankin NURS, J. Wooley PHY/AST, A. Westman PSY, M. Wedenoja SWK, B. Bilge SAC, M. Beebe SPED.

**EX-OFFICIO:** Michael Harris, Provost's Office.

**GUESTS:** Martha Tack, President's Office; Whitney Harris, Director of Diversity and Affirmative Action.

**ABSENT:** ART, IT, MGMT, PLS, TED, WMST.