Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting of May 2, 2017

ITEM 1. Call to order ... Faculty Senate President Elena Izquierdo called the Faculty Senate to order on May 2, 2017 at 3:43 PM in the Blumberg Auditorium of the UTEP Library

ITEM 2. Determination of Quorum was made by President Izquierdo, who called for a motion to seat the alternative members. That motion was made by Charles Spencer, and seconded by Gaspare Genna. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3. Consent Agenda: President Izquierdo called for a motion to approve the April 11, 2017 Senate Meeting minutes. The motion to accept these minutes was made by Joseph Rodriguez and seconded by Laird Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4. Acceptance or Modification of Agenda: There being no modifications to the agenda as electronically posted, President Izquierdo called for a motion to accept the agenda. The motion was made by Hector Morales, and seconded by Benjamin Brunner.

ITEM 5. Announcements: The Senate was reminded to attend the Spring Commencement ceremonies appropriate to their Colleges on Saturday, 13 May.

ITEM 6. Reports of Standing or Special Committees:

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (presented by Jacen S. More, Chair)
The following items approved by the UGCC at their meeting of April 10, 2017 were put before the Senate for its approval:

A. College of Business Administration (COBA)
   1. Department of Marketing and Management: The Department and College proposed a new undergraduate certificate program in Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) for business and non-business students. The 12-credit certificate would require the creation of three new courses: BUSN 3333 (Business Process Analysis), BUSN 3334A (Business Process Analysis Laboratory), and OSCM 3334A Production Planning and Control Laboratory, all of which would be required for the certificate (which also required ACCT 3320 and OSCM 3333).
      Nancy Marcus (Associate Dean, College of Science) commented from the Senate floor that the Department and COBA should be alert to the possibility students in this program might not be eligible for Financial Aid.

   2. Changes to the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Core Prerequisites. This proposal from COBA requested addition of prerequisites to the following 10 BBA Business Core courses: BLAW 3301 (Legal Environment of Business); BUSN 3304 (Global Business Environment), CIS 3345 (Management Information Systems), FIN 3310 (Business Finance), MGMT 3303 (Introduction to Management and Organizational Behavior), MKT 3300 Principles of Marketing, OCSM [3321] Production and Operations
Management, QMB 3301 Quantitative Methods in Business, ACCT 3321 Intermediate Accounting I, and ECON 3310 Managerial Economics. These changes are necessary due to elimination of the “pre-business” and pre-BBA” majors. The specific prerequisite courses to accompany each of the above were included in the original documents submitted to the UGCC.

3. Department of Accounting and Information Systems. This departmental request was not a new minor field in Information Technology. It is intended for both business and non-business majors who plan to pursue a career or an advance degree in information technology. The 18-credit minor includes five required courses and one free elective (chosen from a menu). A schematic, degree-program listing all courses and elective choices was included in the report.

B. College of Health Sciences (COHS)
1. Department of Kinesiology. This proposal was for Fast Track program in Kinesiology. It listed the following eight “action item” components:
   a. The establishment of a Human Fitness and Performance Concentration
   b. The establishment of a Clinical Exercise Science concentration
   c. Approval of new courses for new concentrations
   d. Removal of all current Exercise Science concentrations
   e. Changes in course prerequisites for select KIN courses
   f. Required University Core and program pre-requisites courses to be completed by students prior to admission to the Kinesiology major
   g. Approval of an admissions process to the Kinesiology major with specific criteria and standards
   h. Approval of Fast Track Masters’ degree option.
   i. The details of these extensive curricular revisions were apparently included in a large document submitted by Kinesiology to the UGCC. Questions arose from the floor about these details, including whether the new concentrations would draw from existing courses, and some details about the required physical assessments for entry into the program. George King (Dept. Chair, Kinesiology), who was present in the audience, addressed these questions. Nevertheless, President Izquierdo asked the UGCC that more complete summary information on original proposals, especially complex ones such as the above, needs to be included in their reports to the Senate in the future in order to avoid any problems.

SENATE ACTION: The Senate unanimously approved this report of the UGCC

ITEM 7. Presentations: None

ITEM 8. Old or Unfinished Business: None

ITEM 9. New Business:
There being no further business before the Senate, President Izquierdo entertained a motion to adjourn. That motion so made by Joseph Rodriguez and seconded by Hector Morales. The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 PM.