

# Minutes

## Faculty Senate Meeting

3 March 1998

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Chairperson D. Eidam called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM in Chryst 210. All departments except Industry and Technology, Music, and Political Science were represented.

### MINUTES

The minutes of the 17 February meeting were approved as distributed.

### REPORTS

#### Chairperson

D. Eidam announced that he had notified the following departments that they must conduct elections for senator: Business Administration, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Economics, Health and Physical Education, Nursing, Physics, Psychology, Special Education.

#### Student Senate

Ryan Kunkel reported that student senate is preparing for the system-wide conference this spring. The allocation process is progressing.

#### Graduate Student Organization

Lori Ramp reported that the organization will prepare a newsletter, and will launch a promotion campaign to increase awareness.

#### Administrative Officers

##### President

President Caputo reported that the University Council of Trustees will hold its meeting on March 11. If the Board of Governors chooses not to approve a tuition increase, it could adversely affect the 98-99 budget process.

##### Provost

Provost McNairy reminded senators of the upcoming open house for Lyle Hall. Senators were encouraged to remind students to attend.

##### Vice-President Student Affairs

Vice President Thomas invited faculty to attend the workshop on alcohol abuse--to be held Friday, 3/5/98, 9-11 a.m. in Lehr dining hall presented by Dr. Richard Keeling.

The report on Greek life at Millersville will be distributed shortly.

Committee chair Richard Frerichs reported on the Faculty Student Athletic Committee.

Vice President Thomas highlighted three aspects of the report--

1. semester academic standards were adopted
2. academic support will be provided by J. Sciarretta
3. procedures for advisors to assist athletes in eliminating class schedule conflicts

### **Associate Provost for Academic Administration**

Dr. Stager requested clarification on course numbering, specifically, whether the \_\_79 experimental number could be used for graduate courses. An upcoming business course that needs that number and is part of a new certificate program will be offered in the Fall. A Yelagotes/Piperberg motion was passed, referring the matter to the Graduate Committee.

### **Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Services**

Dr. Roller announced that the report on enrollment will be available shortly. An invitation to attend a program on recruitment and retention of students of color will be issued soon. The acting director of Academic Advisement is Joy Garcia Tan. Dr. Betty Finney has assumed the duties of Mr. Gerry Burkhardt--dealing with students with learning disabilities.

### **Committees**

#### **Undergraduate Course and Program Review Committee**

R. Wismer presented the following courses under the one meeting rule:

- **Math/Hnrs 499 Honors Senior Thesis**--requesting Advanced Writing Label
- **ESCI 231 Meteorology**--requesting reinstatement

J. Osborne requested that the Senate consider the advanced writing label for all Honors Senior Thesis courses.

#### **Graduate Course and Program Review Committee**

R. Kerper presented the following course under the one-meeting rule:

- **NURS 560 School Nursing**
- **BIO 628 Plant Morphogenesis**

R. Kerper placed a clarification of grading policy for the graduate program on the next meeting's agenda. See Attachment A.

### **Business**

#### **Curricular Recommendations**

The change in policy for completion of the Social Work major (the minimum GPA of 2.0 requirement prerequisite for SocWk 301) was approved.

EDUC 533: Nonfiction Literature and Literacy was approved.

Dr. Richard Frerichs will continue in the position of Chair of the Academic Policies committee.

### **Elections**

Following a B. Nakhai/G. Yelagotes motion, E. Masicale, English, was elected as Humanities Representative to the General Education Review Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

William J. Dorman  
Acting Secretary

## **Action Summary**

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#### **I. Curriculum**

On a Yelagotes/Piperberg motion, the senate referred the issue of clarification of the use of the \_\_79 experimental course number for graduate courses to the Graduate Committee.

#### **II. Course Approvals**

Senate approved EDUC 533 Nonfiction Literature and Literacy

Senate approved the change in policy for completion of the Social Work major.

#### **III. Elections**

Humanities Representative to General Education Review Committee: Elizabeth Masciale (English) was elected.

## **Attachment A**

### **Faculty Senate Meeting**

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**To: Faculty Senate**  
**From: Rick Kerper, Chair**  
**Date: March 3, 1998**  
**Re: Grading in Graduate Courses**

#### ***Motion:***

That the university reaffirm the graduate grading policies printed in the 1997-1999 Graduate Catalog:

"In regular graduate courses the letter grades of A, B, C, F, I (Incomplete), and AU (Audit) will be used for grading student performance. For these, research reports/projects, and practicum courses H (Honors), P (Pass), F (Fail), and I (Incomplete) will be used. In workshop courses P (Pass) and F (Fail) will be used."

#### ***Rationale:***

The motion from the floor of the Faculty Senate to use plus and minus grades was intended to apply to undergraduate grading only. A change in the graduate grading policy was not considered. A majority of the graduate program coordinators, sitting as members of the Graduate Course and Program Review Committee, have not found a compelling reason for changing the existing grading policy.