

Faculty Senate Minutes
June 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Academic & Student Development, Communication & Theatre, Computer Science, Economics, Educational Foundations, Industry & Technology, Interdisciplinary Studies, Philosophy, and Wellness & Sports Sciences.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the April 19, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

Second Readings

(1) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

ART312/212: Survey of Art. Proposal to change course number from 312 to 212 and make ART212 a pre-requisite course for ART 301, 302, 303, 304, 313, 403, 404, 588, and 589 was approved without dissent.

(2) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

GEOG305: Geography of Energy. Proposal to change pre-requisites to GEOG202 or GEOG230 or permission of instructor was approved without dissent.

(3) NEW GRADUATE COURSE

EDCI700: The Mentoring Teacher: Competencies for Mentoring Student Teachers, 3 credits. Proposal for course to prepare cooperating teachers to observe, analyze, guide, and evaluate teacher candidates during field experiences was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco announced that both the third regular election and the at-large election for any remaining vacancies will be held at the first fall meeting of Senate. She also reminded committee chairs that annual reports are due by June 30. Psychology requested permission to send an alternative representative to the September 20 meeting.

IV. Report of the Student Senate President

None

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Provost

Dr. Prabhu reported on summer enrollments. He also noted that he will be one of the administrative team members for contract negotiations and commented on the status of the contract and budget. An issue had been raised about the statement online regarding scheduling of evening classes during final exam week. Dr. Prabhu responded that clarification of the language has resolved this issue with Meet & Discuss.

Dean of Graduate & Professional Studies

Dr. DeSantis reported on technology upgrades at MU-Lancaster and the transitioning of equipment from Boyer. Dr. Prabhu also noted that renovations of the library will include a iTV studio especially useful for low-enrolled programs and will be supported by an extra \$1.7 million from the state.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

UCPRC

First Readings

(1) NEW UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

Entrepreneurship minor. Proposal to create a minor program to foster entrepreneurial potential.

A question was raised about faculty complement for this program. Overlaps with other courses were noted and complement comes from the department teaching each course.

(2) NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

ENGL460: Teaching ESL Listening and Speaking, 3 credits. Proposal for a course focusing on understanding the nature of spoken English and approaches to teaching ESL listening and speaking skills.

It was noted that the distributed file was missing a revision to clarify that this course cannot meet Act49 competencies. The correct version should include this revision.

(3) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

HIST308: Topics. Proposal to designate HIST308 as a G3 course.

(4) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

HIST334: Victorian England. Proposal to add the General Education G3 and W labels and add a pre-requisite of ENGL110/110H.

(5) NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

HIST365: The Nightmare Years: America 1954-1974, 3 credits, G3, W. Proposal for a course to study in depth the great social movements in America between 1954 and 1974.

(5) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

HIST406: Senior Seminar. Proposal to redefine pre-requisites as HIST105 with a grade of C- or better; junior or senior status, or permission of the instructor.

(6) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

BA History, major. Proposal to allow 3 credits of HIST489: Independent Study and HIST499: Departmental Honors Thesis to replace HIST406: Senior Seminar for completion of the major, including specification that a grade of B or better in HIST489 & 499 would earn Advanced Writing credit.

GCPRC

(1) NEW GRADUATE CURRICULUM

MS in Integrated Scientific Applications. Proposal to create a program with transdisciplinary training in science content, methods and tools for information analysis, and management and policy skills necessary for scientific careers in business, industry, commerce, and government.

Two-meeting Waiver

Earth Sciences requested a waiver of the two meeting rule for the MS in Integrated Scientific Applications. Discussion was held on the need for this waiver since review over two meetings allows senators to get feedback from departments and better evaluate proposals. It was explained that the PASSHE Board of Governors has taken a consortium approach for program presentation with a concrete June deadline. To take advantage of this opportunity, it is critical to waive the two-meeting rule for this proposal. Dr. Rich Clark noted the program structure provides an umbrella allowing for unique varieties of concentrations that could be introduced in response to needs in industry or government. A suggestion was made for clarified admission requirements. Dr. Clark responded that minimal definition is intentional to attract a broad spectrum of candidates. Complement would be covered by core courses that already exist or could be cross-referenced. Dr. Clark indicated that a Program Coordinator with 3-credit release will be needed. Dr. DeSantis noted the program budget includes one new faculty and graduate assistants based on program enrollment. Dr. Prabhu emphasized that BOG will scrutinize funding and collaboration as part of the application for the program. Dr. DeSantis also commented that the consortium will create flexibility for students to take “plus” courses as part of the program. A Neuville/Clark motion to waive the two-meeting rule for the MS in Integrated Scientific Applications was approved with one abstention.

(4) NEW GRADUATE CURRICULUM

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GERC

Senator Cardwell introduced a proposal to revise the language describing the guidelines for Writing courses within the General Education program. She noted this is a change in language only with no change to the criteria for a W label.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeriti

A Kuhns/Luek motion that Dr. C. Virginia Palmer be granted the honorary title of Professor of Nursing Emerita was approved without dissent. [see Attachment #1]

X. Proposed Revision to Course Approval Process

Dr. Rich Clark described a course approval process recommended by department chairs to streamline the process. He stated the plan will be forwarded to APC for review, approval, and implementation. Discussion addressed the following points:

- Impact on the time needed for approving a proposal might be minimal but Singularity program would allow it to be followed by interested parties.
- Clarification is needed about the availability and use of Singularity, particularly for curriculum bodies.
- Comparison of Tracks 1 & 2 versus minor & major changes.
- UCPRC might have difficulty getting course presentations done within the time frame during periods when many courses are coming forward.
- The value of faculty time makes streamlining beneficial.

An A Miller/Walsh motion to charge UCPRC and GCPRC to look into how the Singularity program can be integrated into the current course approval process was approved without dissent.

XI. Other/New Business

Discussion was held regarding appropriate review for the Interdisciplinary Studies proposal. UCPRC has heard from the proposers twice on the proposal and provided feedback. The first vote was done based on revisions after the initial feedback had been incorporated. The importance of campus-wide review of the written proposal with such broad relevance was stressed. A Neuville/A Miller motion to discuss the Interdisciplinary Studies proposal at the next Senate meeting was approved without dissent.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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Attachment #1

FACULTY EMERITUS

DATE: May 31, 2011
TO: MU Faculty Senate
FROM: MU Department of Nursing
RE: Resolution Conferring Faculty Emerita Status upon Dr. Ginny Palmer

The Department of Nursing recommends the following resolution to Millersville University's Faculty Senate:

***RESOLUTION CONFERRING FACULTY EMERITUS STATUS UPON
DR. C. VIRGINIA PALMER***

WHEREAS	Dr. C. Virginia Palmer served as a faculty member of the Millersville University Department of Nursing since 1985, a total of 25 years; and
WHEREAS	Dr. Palmer is a distinguished educator and practitioner, who personifies professionalism in everything she does; and
WHEREAS	Dr. Palmer willing served on and chaired the Department of Nursing's Curriculum Committee for many years; and
WHEREAS	She also served on the Department of Nursing's Evaluation Committee, and many Department of Nursing's Search Committees; and
WHEREAS	She tirelessly served on the Millersville University Facilities Master Planning Committee and the School of Science and Mathematics Roddy Renovation Planning and Building Committee, which included designing the current physical space of the Department of Nursing; and
WHEREAS	Dr. Palmer created three graduate nursing programs for the Department of Nursing; and
WHEREAS	Dr. Palmer founded and was a charter member of the Millersville University Xi Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society for nursing; and
WHEREAS	She was recognized for her excellence in research and leadership by the Xi Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International; and
WHEREAS	Dr. Palmer developed the Millersville University Nursing Center to answer a community need, and the Center became an excellent learning

	service program for students and faculty; and
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WHEREAS	Dr. Palmer founded and co-chaired the annual Millersville University Red Dress Luncheon due to her committee to educating women about their health; and
WHEREAS	She has advised and mentored many nursing students in the undergraduate and graduate programs; and
WHEREAS	Dr. Palmer has received numerous grants and has published and presented her scholarly work both nationally and internationally; and
WHEREAS	Dr. Palmer has unfailingly been a dynamic member of the Department of Nursing who was committed to students, colleagues, the Department, School, and University, and the community at large; and
WHEREAS	Dr. Palmer will be greatly missed as she explores other professional and life opportunities during her retirement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That in honor of her service and contributions to her Department, School and the University, the Department of Nursing of Millersville University asks that Dr. C. Virginia Palmer be granted the honorary title of Professor of Nursing Emerita.