Faculty Senate Minutes
November 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Accounting & Finance and Educational Foundations.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the October 16, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

A Bookmiller/Wushanley motion to postpone approval of the AOAC General Education attributes matrix was approved without dissent. Senator Anderson noted that any feedback should be forwarded to him before the next meeting as someone else will be representing the committee that week. Discussion was held regarding some faculty concerns about the curriculum mapping. Of note, some departments already have related data available internally, data collected should not be used to reduce course offerings, overlapping competencies should not provide a basis for redefining GenEd structure, this should not be a requirement in addition to what is being asked for as part of curriculum proposals or recertifications. Prof. Anderson emphasized that the goal is to identify how overall GenEd competencies are met on campus and provide a context for being able to better assess direct questions related to GenEd objectives. It was noted that many classes on campus have been in place for many years and do not undergo any sort of review but still contribute to the GenEd competencies. It was recommended that the committee clarify how the data will be used.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco thanked Dr. McNairy for her years of service and faculty support at Millersville.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

None

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None
VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

President

President McNairy thanked faculty for wonderful years at MU and encouraged sustaining and nurturing a collaborative environment on campus and continuing to focus on students.

Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

Dr. Adams thanked faculty for attending session with presidential candidates and urged submission of comments to the search committee.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

GCPRC

(1) NEW GRADUATE COURSE
NURS 504: Nursing Informatics and Healthcare Technology, 3 credits. Proposal to teach ways in which information and technology influence nursing practice, including legal, ethical, cultural, economic, and social factors.

(2) DELETION OF GRADUATE COURSE
NURS 514: Family Health Nursing, 2 credits. Proposal to delete course by integrating concepts of family health nursing into other courses.

(3) CHANGE TO GRADUATE CURRICULUM
MS Nursing. Proposal to adjust program credits to reflect removal of NURS 514 and addition of NURS 504.

(4) CHANGE TO GRADUATE CURRICULUM
MS Nursing. Proposal to add nursing core courses as prerequisites for advanced nursing practice courses.

Dr. Mowrey noted that the MSIS program will be presenting a new course at the next meeting and requesting a waiver of the two-meeting rule. The document will be made available electronically for review prior to the meeting.

APC

Senator A. Miller reported that a revision to the structure of new course proposals will be distributed electronically for broader feedback before being presented for approval.
VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeriti

None

X. Other/New Business

Interdisciplinary Studies will be represented at Senate by Senator Mahaffy.

Mr. Sciaretta reported that 90.9% of faculty responded about contacting probationary students, increasing the level of interaction that students with academic warning have with their advisors.

Dr. Mowrey urged faculty to provide comments from the open forums with presidential candidates for the search committee to consider. The committee will be recommending three candidates to the COT. The Chancellor’s office will then also meet with the recommended candidates.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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