

Faculty Senate Minutes
October 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Academic & Student Development, Interdisciplinary Studies, Philosophy, and Special Education.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

None

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco reported that Counseling & Human Development will be changing its Senate representation, making it necessary to elect a new senator to serve as Chair Pro Tempore. She thanked Senator Saunders for her years of service and leadership at Senate. Dr. Börger-Greco asked for any nominations or volunteers. A Börger-Greco/A Miller motion to close nominations and elect Shaun Cook as Chair Pro Tempore was approved without dissent.

Chair Börger-Greco encouraged faculty to plan to attend commencement on December 16 and to volunteer for service in the remaining vacant seats on campus committees.

A discussion was held regarding collegiality among faculty in our shared governance structure with APSCUF. Key points were:

- There needs to be more deliberate communication among senators, APSCUF representatives, and departments as a whole. We may want a committee or task force to serve as mechanism for strong APSCUF-Senate collaboration. A joint meeting of the two bodies was recommended.
- The results of the changes to Gen Ed would likely not be any different. However, the process and actions related to the change lacked clarity and moved forward without sufficient consultation with some departments. Leadership of governance bodies need to be notified of important issues that will be raised so the agenda can reflect discussions to be held and members can come prepared with input from departments. The mechanism for how changes impacting the entire university are carried out is being discussed and will ultimately be approved jointly by APSCUF and Senate.

- There is a postponed vote on the table at APSCUF to suspend the curriculum function of Senate while issues related to referendum votes are evaluated. During any interim time, APSCUF would assume responsibility for the curricular review process. Even if Senate no longer handles curriculum, it would carry on with other roles within a clarified charge.
- Administration meets regularly with APSCUF leadership as well as attending Senate meetings. Administrative presence at Senate is more substantial now than in the past. The administration appreciates being welcome to interact with faculty in either setting. MU has history of more collegial relationships between faculty and administration than PASSHE in general or other campuses.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

Student Senate President Snyder reported on first year elections and constitutional changes redefining representation based on student organizations. It was clarified that current senators will continue to serve in liaison roles with the bodies they represent. However, there is potential for the process to move towards election of senators from within the represented bodies themselves. Senate is working with CSIL on this and welcomes conversation on the issue.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

A question was raised about DARS reflecting updated GenEd requirements. Dr. Adams noted that implementation may have missed students who started earlier than predicted by the Registrar for students graduating in December 2012. Advisors are encouraged to contact the Registrar or Provost to resolve residual cases. Dr. Adams invited faculty to participate in the CAE sessions led by Dr. Linda Shadiow.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

UCPRC

(1) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BUAD 207: Introduction to Information Science, 3 credits. Proposal to change the course number to 307 and the name to Management Information Systems.

(2) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BUAD 251: Organization and Management, 3 credits, G3, W. Proposal to change the course name to Principles of Management and update the course description.

(3) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BUAD 306: Business Research Methods, 3 credits. Proposal to change the course number to 206 and adjust math prerequisites.

(4) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BUAD 308: Quantitative Methods in Business, 3 credits. Proposal to change the course number to 358 and the name to Management Science and to adjust prerequisites.

(5) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BUAD 366: Federal Income Tax I, 3 credits. Proposal to establish minimal grades in prerequisites.

(6) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BUAD 455: Strategic Management, 3 credits. Proposal to change the course name to Strategy and Policy.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeriti

A Wushanley/Igyor motion that Professor Adele S. Ruzsak be granted the honorary title of Assistant Professor of Wellness and Sport Sciences Emerita was approved without dissent. [see Attachment #1]

X. Other/New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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A Wushanley/Igyor motion that Professor Adele S. Ruzsak be granted the honorary title of Assistant Professor of Wellness and Sport Sciences Emerita was approved without dissent.

Attachment #1

RESOLUTION

Whereas: Professor Adele S. Ruzak, Assistant Professor, Wellness and Sport Sciences, retired June 29, 2012, after 36 years of dedicated teaching, scholarship, and service at Millersville University; and

Whereas: Professor Ruzak was among the first faculty on campus to develop and teach distance learning courses; completing additional education and certificate programs to support her pedagogical interests and involvement in distance learning; and

Whereas: Professor Ruzak served as Chairperson of many Department committees, including Curriculum; Selection; Professional Development; and Promotion and Tenure; and

Whereas Professor Ruzak generously contributed her time to the University and School of Education community by serving on Faculty Senate; APSCUF Representative Council; Teacher Education Council; Commencement Speakers Committee; and the Undergraduate Curriculum and Program Review Committee; and

Whereas Professor Ruzak served as a solicitor for the Medal Fund; an organizer and trainer for the Human Relations Committee; a facilitator for the CHOICES and Common Reading Programs; a presenter for the Women's Leadership Retreat; and mentor for the MU Mentoring Alliance Program, and

Whereas: Professor Ruzak served as a dedicated mentor and advisor to undergraduate students, including undecided majors (Exploratory Program); student-athletes; and as Faculty Advisor of the MU Dance Company, and the Bowling Club Team; and

Whereas: Professor Ruzak for twenty-one years collaborated with and shared her expertise in early childhood health with area elementary school educators; and was elected to and served three terms on the St. Leo the Great's School Board, and

Whereas: Professor Ruzak created both a dance curriculum and a Mammacare Instruction Curriculum for the University; Instructed organizations and groups throughout Lancaster County on Mammacare techniques; volunteered for the American Cancer Society, and the American Red Cross; and

Whereas: Professor Ruzak served her professional organizations as both Vice President and President of the Beta Omicron Chapter of Pi Lambda Theta, an International Honor Society for Educators; held committee appointments and presented at state and eastern district conferences for the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Association; and obtained competitive grants and funding to support her professional development and research; and

Whereas: Professor Ruzak provided significant leadership within the Athletic Department, including work with many search committees; served on the Athletic Department five-year Review Committee; served five years as the Assistant Women's Athletic Director; served nine years as the Women's Swim Coach during which time she developed three All-Americans and one National Champion; served four years as the Women's Softball Coach, and two years as the Women's Basketball Coach,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Department of Wellness and Sport Sciences of Millersville University enthusiastically congratulates and thanks Professor Adele Ruzak for her leadership and contributions to the department, the School of Education and the university community; and further that the Department of Wellness and Sport Sciences enthusiastically recommends that she be granted the honorary title of Assistant Professor of Wellness and Sport Sciences Emerita.