

Faculty Senate Minutes
February 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Government & Political Affairs.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the December 3, 2013 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

CHANGE TO POLICY

(1) Specification that student representatives on Faculty Senate committees not be counted toward establishing the quorum requirement for committees to take action was approved without dissent.

It was noted that students are valuable members of Senate committees but work to be done should not be delayed by whether or not students are able to attend.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco announced that Senate officer elections will be held at the next meeting. She also noted a progress report will be given on the course review process and discussion will be held regarding UNIV103 courses. Reminders of spring meeting dates, commencement date, and strategic planning forums were given.

Dr. Mowrey and Dr. Börger-Greco reported on Joint APSCUF/Senate Committee progress on establishing guidelines for referendum items on campus, CBA language specifying a 30-day administrative response on curriculum decisions, the term University Curriculum Committee for Senate and review of related process changes by Meet & Discuss, and an audit of Senate functions besides curriculum.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

Student Senate President Justin Miller reported on identification of more representatives to university committees and the need for at least one faculty member to serve as Student Senate advisor.

The relevance of Get Involved was questioned by faculty. It was noted that this is the mechanism for groups under Student Affairs to communicate. Faculty committees might enhance visibility among students by creating a page there.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Provost

Provost Prabhu reported on weather issues, continued work on strategic planning at Millersville versus PASSHE, and proposed flat funding for the budget along with loss of an \$18M line item supporting projects.

Faculty expressed concerns about needing weather notifications earlier than the usual two-hour advance time. Questions were also raised about chewing tobacco use on campus. It was noted that e-cigarettes are banned by current policy.

Vice President for Finance & Administration

Mr. Bruszewski summarized budget concerns, noting we are making ends meet but tuition increases are unlikely to offset ongoing budget needs. He reported on new tuition and funding strategies being explored at the system level and the concept of revenue-based budgeting, noting it may not be effective or desirable. It was pointed out that the BOG has already approved some program-based funding at other schools. Other aspects noted were tuition discounts, major-based fees, scholarships, targeted student populations, program-specific costs, and ways to evaluate student-related costs.

Vice President for Enrollment Management

Mr. Hazlett reported on Ms Candae Deen transitioning to a new position and working on DegreeWorks to replace DARS, Ms Alison Hutchinson serving as Interim Registrar, and searching for a Director of Admissions. Mr. Hazlett noted efforts to increase applicants for out-of-state students and high-achieving students. He commented on efforts to make more rapid admission decisions, focus on metropolitan areas by an Assistant Director of Urban Recruitment, establishing recruitment events for up to three years in advance, and alumni participating in recruitment. It was noted the common application for all PASSHE schools worked well for Millersville except some difficulties controlling responses to applicants but did not inflate our application numbers much. Mr. Hazlett indicated efforts to find best enrollment for MU Scholar program, small-scale Junior Preview Day to get high school students interested in considering MU, multi-cultural outreach to families of students of color, and some international recruiting. A request was made for broader notification of faculty responses to survey. A goal of 1300 freshmen and 600 transfers for fall 2014 was reported.

Associate Provost for Academic Administration

Dr. Adams noted faculty convocation was still open for faculty wishing to attend.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

GCPRC

NEW GRADUATE CURRICULUM

(1) Joint Masters in Emergency Management and Social Work. Proposal to allow students in the MSW and MSEM programs to pursue a joint degree.

UCPRC

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

(2) ART376: Intro to Photo: Digital, 3 credits, G1. Proposal for course to introduce basic skills and concepts associated with digital photography.

CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

(3) PSYC211: Principles of Statistics & Experimental Design I. Proposal to add prerequisite of C- or better in MATH101, C- or better in MATH130, or placement into MATH130 or above.

(4) PSYC212: Principles of Statistics & Experimental Design II. Proposal to add prerequisite of C- or better in MATH101, C- or better in MATH130, or placement into MATH130 or above.

CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

(5) BA: Psychology. Proposal to eliminate required course in MATH or CSCI.

(6) BA, BS, BSE: Earth Sciences (all majors/options). Proposal to delete ESCI110: Introduction to Earth Sciences, 2 credits, as required course for all majors and options and make the change retroactive for freshmen completing UNIV103.

ASC

Senator Kelly reported on academic dismissals and appeals considered by ASC in January. Dr. Kelly recommended that advisors help inform students that they should provide evidence of extenuating circumstances impact their performance and a plan for moving ahead successfully. She also recommended that students appear in person to provide most complete understanding of situation. Faculty expressed a desire for more efficient communication to allow advisors to aid students more effectively.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeriti

An A Miller/Mowrey motion that Dr. Patricia S. Hill be granted the honorary title of Professor of Chemistry Emerita was approved without dissent. [see Attachment #1]

X. Other/New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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Attachment #1

DATE: February 4, 2014
TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: Chemistry Department
RE: FACULTY EMERITA FOR DR. PATRICIA S. HILL

As of November 6, 2013, the Chemistry Department unanimously approves and recommends the following resolution to Faculty Senate:

WHEREAS Dr. Patricia S. Hill, Professor of Chemistry, has faithfully served the Chemistry Department, Millersville students, and the Millersville community of which she has been a member in the truest sense of the word for 27.5 years with honor and distinction, and

WHEREAS Dr. Patricia S. Hill has served unselfishly on several major faculty committees, notably as Director of MU Center for Academic Excellence, Sabbatical Leave Committee (member and chair), Director of 1988 State System of Higher Education Summer Honors Program, advisor for undecided program and the MU Equestrian Club since 2007, the academic advisor for the American Chemical Society Student Chapter since 1986 and a member of the President's Renaissance Group since 1994, and

WHEREAS Dr. Patricia S. Hill has contributed to the education of all chemistry majors and to non-science majors for 27.5 years in the classroom, teaching laboratories, and supervising undergraduate research, and

WHEREAS Dr. Patricia S. Hill, while maintaining high standards, effectively discharged her teaching duties in Organic Chemistry, Advanced Laboratory I, Polymer Laboratory, Advanced Biochemistry Laboratory, and Environmental Chemistry lecture and laboratory for science majors. She developed and has taught for 25 years the Molecular Basis of Color and Art: Chemistry in Art for non-science majors. She has developed and conducted workshops for elementary education majors, faculty workshops in Chemistry and Art as sponsored by NSF through the Center for Workshops in Chemical Sciences and NSF Chemistry Collaborations, Workshops and Communities of Scholars, and

WHEREAS Dr. Patricia S. Hill distinguished herself as a scholar through her numerous research grants, publications, and presentations and her consulting and reviewing activities in the field of organic chemistry and art in chemistry as recognized by her colleagues,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Patricia S. Hill be granted the honorary title of Professor of Chemistry Emerita.