

Faculty Senate Minutes
March 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Elementary & Early Childhood Education.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the February 18, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

(1) ENTR315: Entrepreneurship Practicum, 3 credits. Proposal for course to provide training in entrepreneurial leadership, emphasizing experiential learning was approved without dissent.

(2) HIST214: History of Christianity to the Reformation, 3 credits, G3, D, DL. Proposal for course to examine the formation of early Christianity through the European Reformation was approved with one abstention.

(3) ERCH496: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment: Engaging the Young Learner, 6 credits. Proposal for course to prepare teacher candidates in the general areas of curriculum, instruction, and assessment for children infancy to kindergarten was approved without dissent.

(4) ART167: Non-Traditional Photography, 3 credits, G1. Proposal to add G1 label and remove restriction to majors was approved without dissent.

(5) BA: Music: Music, Business, and Technologies option. Proposal to adjust program to include new option-specific courses and remove less relevant courses was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

None

IV. Report of the Student Senate

Student Senate President Justin Miller reported on a good experience at COSGA, applicants for a faculty advisor, and allocations hearings. He also noted an upcoming Town Hall meeting regarding concerns about weather impact on campus safety, confusion on free student access to Red Rose Transit's route 16 bus, and the proposed 100-page/6 mo printing allotment.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

President

Dr. Anderson thanked faculty for their flexibility in working with the unusual impact of weather on classes this semester. He also reported that the strategic planning process is on track.

Provost

Dr. Prabhu thanked facilities for their hard work clearing campus during bad weather and noted the need for everyone to be extra careful.

Associate Provost for Academic Administration

Dr. Adams reported on adding DL links to the curriculum webpage, noted upcoming CAE events, and invited faculty to a discussion of liberal arts with Dr. Debra Humphreys. A request was made for more consolidation and easier access to all curriculum information.

Dean of Graduate & Professional Studies

Dr. DeSantis reported on PASSHE Center City which has ten classrooms at 7th & Market in downtown Philadelphia. He noted summer courses already planned, excellent facilities for blended-format courses at 200-level or above, and recruitment of students for the Master's in Sports Management from that area. Dr. DeSantis also reported summer enrollment is open, a good Graduate Open House recently, and increased graduate applications.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

UCPRC

A Douglas/Blazer motion to create sub-discipline prefixes for curriculum from the business departments was made. It was noted that BUAD course numbers have been exhausted due to the way the Registrar's Office retains information and this would open up the option to implement these as needed. The administration recommended that other options be explored first. A Börger-Greco/Cook motion to table the Douglas/Blazer motion was approved without dissent.

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

(1) SOWK322: Writing for Social Work Practice, 3 credits, W. Proposal for course to strengthen students' foundational and professional writing skills in preparation for professional social work practice.

(2) MGMT312: Principles of Entrepreneurship, 3 credits. Proposal for course to introduce students to the process of turning an idea into a successful start-up business.

A request was made for clarification about how MGMT312 is distinct from ENTR201.

(3) MGMT360: Organizational Behavior, 3 credits. Proposal for course to examine individual, group, and organizational-level behavioral and social science theories with application to managing diverse organizations.

(4) MGMT361: Management Skills, 3 credits. Proposal for course to develop business and interpersonal skills relevant for business management through practical activities.

Question raised about whether the objectives given for the course could be expanded to better align with a 300-level designation. It was noted that there is not a universal standard across disciplines for this designation.

CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

(5) ESCI350: History of Meteorology. Proposal to add a D label.

(6) NURS421: Adaptations to Chronic Health Conditions in the Community. Proposal to change course from 4 credits (3 lecture, 1 clinical) to 5 credits (3 lecture, 2 clinical).

(7) NURS478: Transforming Health Care Through Leadership in Nursing. Proposal to change course from 5 credits (3 lecture, 2 clinical) to 4 credits (3 lecture, 1 clinical).

CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULA

(8) BA Social Work. Proposal to adjust required courses.

(9) Nursing: RN to BSN. Proposal to adjust revisions to course credits.

Senator Douglas noted concerns at UCPRC for approving recertification of MDLV486 as a P course. It was suggested the previous approval was an exception to help the program meet credit limits, but also that the course had met P standards based on discussion with the department.

Senator Walsh explained the importance of having the Social Work proposals approved in time for student advising. A Walsh/Hardy motion to take immediate action on the Social Work proposals was approved without dissent.

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GCPRC

Dr. Mowrey requested departments with M.Ed. programs participate in discussions of revisions of the core for all programs.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeriti

None

X. Update on MU retention initiatives

Senator Sciarretta reported on student participation. He noted that student involvement in these is being considered by ASC as part of academic appeals.

XI. UNIV103 discussion

Senator Marquez reported on the development of FYI courses and the goal for all freshmen to take a UNIV103 seminar. She shared feedback from student and faculty focus groups and surveys.

XII. Other/New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

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