

**Faculty Senate Minutes
February 3, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Counseling & Human Development.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written without dissent.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULA

- (1) BA, Psychology. Proposal to require successful completion of PSYC 211 prior to completing 90 credit hours and successful completion of two required course and two core electives prior to completing 90 credit hours was approved without dissent (electronic).
- (2) BSE, Mathematics. Proposal to include MATH 301: History of Mathematics as a required course was approved without dissent (electronic).

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AND PROGRAMS

- (3) Photography Minor – proposal for a new minor in the department of Art and Design was approved without dissent.
- (4) ART 245 – Creativity, Innovation, Human-Centered Design Thinking, G1, 3 credits; proposal for a studio course providing an overview of creativity and human-centered design approaches to identify opportunities and challenges of the 21st Century was approved without dissent.
- (5) BUAD 381 – Data and Information Management, 3 credits; a course building on the core concepts of data and information management was approved without dissent.

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- (6) Studio Art Minor – changes made to create more flexibility overall while adding courses to the list of approved courses for this minor was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco reminded AEST; ARTD; ATHL; BIOL; COMT; CNHD; EDFN; EMEE; ENGL; GEOG; LIBR departments to hold elections for a senator and alternate by April 2015. Committee elections will be held at the last two meetings of the spring semester.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

None

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Provost

Dr. Prabhu reminded faculty to respond by February 6 regarding plans to attend spring faculty convocation on February 19, noting faculty input on discussion topics. He indicated his best judgment is used for scheduling changes due to winter weather, recognizing significant unpredictability. Dr. Prabhu also commended faculty on the development of new programs and courses on campus.

Associate Provost

Dr. Adams announced CAE events for spring and encouraged faculty to attend. He indicated that the course review process is being refined as issues arise. Concern was shared regarding inconsistencies with electronic review. It was noted that faculty encountering questions or problems with curriculum review should contact Dr. Adams directly as well as Dr. Börger-Greco. Dr. Prabhu affirmed that resources for implementing electronic document handling will be made available when the process is ready.

Concern was raised from faculty regarding more frequent problems with the campus network and related technology that significantly impact delivery of courses and educational resources. It was further noted that help desks on campus are sometimes insufficiently staffed or informed to assist with situations and that text notifications would be helpful for some technology problems. Dr. Prabhu acknowledged the need for more reliable function and outlined several steps being taken to improve data retention, security features, and accessibility. Faculty were encouraged to contact deans' offices for assistance on locating help, to facilitate alternatives needed, and to deal with classroom instructional tools.

Concern was raised regarding functioning of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) to adequately address faculty needs to support funding opportunities. It was noted that the Associate Provost has oversight of this body, and Dr. Adams agreed to touch base with the IRB. A need was indicated for establishing a review time-frame to aid faculty preparing grants and committee members doing reviews.

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

Ms. Perez requested feedback on ideas for updating the format or implementation of new student convocation. She suggested the possibility of holding it on the first Tuesday of the semester during the common hour. Ms. Perez highlighted the opportunity to invited students to engage in learning and development during their undergraduate career. A question was raised about the organization of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. It was noted that Cabinet is still considering options that will meet needs but accommodate budget concerns as well.

Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences

Dr. Umble encouraged faculty to participate in upcoming campus events.

VII. Curricular Notices

(1) BUAD 375: Business Web Development, 3 credits. New course.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

GCPRC

Dr. Mowrey reported GCPRC discussion assessing electronic curriculum review.

CHANGE IN GRADUATE COURSE

(2) WSSD 616: Internship for Athletic Management. Change in title, course description, course outcomes, and pre-requisites.

NEW GRADUATE COURSE

(3) WSSD 619: Internship Athletic Coaching, 3 credits. Course to provide practical experience related to athletic coaching.

CHANGE IN GRADUATE PROGRAM

(4) M.Ed. Sports Management, Athletic Coaching concentration. Include internship for program completion.

NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM

(5) Letter of Completion in Coaching Education.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

None

XI. Election of Senate Officers

An Anderson/Kelly motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote to elect Dr. Ana Börger-Greco as Chair, Dr. Shaun Cook as Chair Pro Tempore, and Dr. Aimee Miller as Secretary for 2015-2016 was approved without dissent.

XII. Other/New Business

Senator Kelly shared concerns from Geography regarding implications for GenEd course designations and representation on committees related to reassignment of the department to the College of Science & Technology. Senator Baker noted that GERC is aware of GenEd implications and working on the concept. Dr. Prabhu noted openness to faculty insights on how to address this and related issues inherent in developing multi-disciplinary curricula. Dr. Mowrey reminded faculty that Senate handles curriculum on behalf of APSCUF and that related issues and needs should be directed to Senate, APSCUF, APC, and Bylaws for joint consideration and collaborative discussion.

Senator Sciarretta noted higher than usual academic warnings for freshmen this fall. He encouraged academic advisors to reach out to advisees to help improve persistence, noting the students are assigned to an MU-180 seminar. The importance of helping students embrace resiliency and the relevance of tools and materials needed for academic success was stressed.

Faculty were reminded that students with financial situations limiting their purchase of course materials should visit the Financial Aid Office to explore options. Concern was raised about the campus bookstore declining faculty requests for designating older editions as primary course texts. A CAE event is planned by Library faculty to highlight open source materials and other cost saving options.

It was noted that the proposed rescheduling of Tuesdays and Thursdays will be done to create a common hour from 12:05-1:10 p.m. across campus. However, department-specific exceptions will be addressed as needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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