

Faculty Senate Meeting

DATE: December 1, 2017
TO: Members of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Kat Walsh, Chairperson
SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Meeting, December 5, 2017 at 4:05-5:45 p.m.,
Osburn Hall, Room 200/201

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. Minutes from last face to face Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2017
- III. Summary/minutes of the electronic vote November 21, 2017 is posted in D2L
- IV. Proposed Courses and Programs: (Consent Agenda)

Undergraduate New Course Proposals

- 1) PHIL 220 Existentialism (G1, DL): Proposal for a new undergraduate course to study the works of important existentialist thinkers including Kierkegaard, Dostoyevsky, Nietzsche, Sartre, Camus, Beauvoir and others.
- 2) SOCY 337 Gender and the Law (G3): Proposal for a new undergraduate course that addresses how gender, race and class influence offending, prisons, victimization and work in the field of criminal justice. Intended for a broad audience but could be used to fulfill a major elective in either Sociology or Sociology/Criminology or an elective in Women's and Gender Studies (program name change underway, currently Women's Studies).

Undergraduate Curricular Changes

- 1) INTL Studies Program Major Changes
- 2) INTL Studies Program Minor Changes
 - a. Following a 2-year comprehensive review, the interdisciplinary International Studies Curriculum Committee, representing 17 departments/programs, is recommending changes to the International Studies major and minor curricula including the deletion of 24 courses no longer offered regularly, the additional of 18 courses with international content, and additional policy changes regarding minimum grades, capstone pre-requisites, etc.

V. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

- Thank you for submitting electronic votes for the curricular proposals during the week of Thanksgiving. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.
- At the last face to face senate meeting, we had a rich discussion about important curricular topics, challenges and future needs. A special thank you to Senator Dreon for providing an extensive review, overview and update on the curricular process, UCPRC procedures and the transition to the new online system. It is clear that much time, effort, collaboration and dedication has been invested in this and I am very grateful for his willingness to share that with us. We had a lively conversation that evolved into other important curricular topics. As we move forward, I pledge that I will do my best to make sure all voices are heard, represented and respected.

- Internship Committee interests: So far, I have received volunteers from Geography, Chemistry (Jeremiah Mbindyo), Educational Foundations (Nakeiha Primus), Social Work, and Art and Design (Nancy Mata)
- Chancellor Search Update: I participated in stakeholder conference call with the search firm and search chairs on Friday, December 1st. Information about the status and search: <http://www.passhe.edu/ChancellorSearch/Pages/default.aspx>;
 - If you would like to provide input on the search, they are requesting feedback by Dec 5th here is that link to provide input: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H986B7L>
 - Here is information that was referenced prior to the call, PASSHE Resolution: <http://www.passhe.edu/SpecialMessage/Documents/System%20Resolution%202010-2017.pdf>
- Please plan to attend graduation in regalia on Sunday December 17th at 2:00 p.m. Commencement Speaker is Mayor Rick Gray of Lancaster

Upcoming 2018 Faculty Senate meetings:

- February 6 and 20, 2018
- March 6 and 20, 2018
- April 3 and 17, 2018
- May 1, 2018
- the June meeting will be announced in April, 2018

- VI. Report of the APSCUF President
- VII. Report of the Student Senate President
- VII. Report of the Graduate Student Association
- VIII. Report of the Administrative Officers
- IX. Announcement of any new courses, programs or changes to existing courses/programs
 - WSTU (interdisciplinary) change: The Women’s Studies Curriculum Committee is requesting that the name of the program be changed to Women’s and Gender Studies. Included in the proposal is the request to change the names of three courses in the program to reflect this change in their titles.
 - The curricular policy states that interdisciplinary reviews should be done “simultaneously” by the ACCs BUT the CAP system doesn’t allow simultaneous approval but all ACCs can review the proposals at the same time. UCPRC and Faculty Senate are working together to identify these interdisciplinary proposals early to make sure ACCs know that they’re to be reviewing these simultaneously.
- X. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees
- XI. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees
- XII. Faculty Emeriti: **Dr. M.-Ana Börger-Greco, Department of Foreign Languages**
- XIII. Faculty Senate Committee Elections
- XIV. New Business
 - Other announcements or guest reports
- XV. Adjournment [and table/chair moving, please]