

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**April 19, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Nursing and Physics.

**I. Minutes of the 4-5-05 Meeting**

The minutes were amended as follows. This will replace Executive Assistant to the President Phillips' report, "Dr. Phillips shared that the new writing portion for the SAT was implemented in March 2005. We need to determine how we wish to use the new test in our admission processes. She suggested that the Senate's Admissions, Advisement and Student Affairs Committee would be an appropriate group to address the new test, and she further suggested that a member of the English department be included in the committee's deliberations.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires all BSE majors to complete two English courses, one in composition and one in literature. This requirement will be phased in over the next several years. Beginning in fall 2005, all current freshmen, sophomores, new transfers and post-baccalaureate certificate students will be required to have completed the literature course before beginning Advanced Professional Studies. In order to assure that current students will be able to progress, the 200-level on-campus literature courses scheduled for fall semester 2005 have been reserved for their registration. Once registration closes, we will determine the need for additional course offerings in literature.

Faculty were encouraged to attend the service learning workshop on April 7 and the International Education Roundtable on April 15."

The discussion on the defibrillator also should be deleted from Executive Assistant to the President Phillips' report. It should be included at the end of the administrative reports.

Minutes were approved as amended.

**II. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson**

No Report.

**III. Report of the Student Senate President**

Student President Albright announced the names of the recipients of the Student of the Year Award and the Faculty of the Year Award. Ms. Martha Glass received the Faculty of the Year Award. The Appeals/Allocations meeting will take place this week. Students who experience difficulty casting their ballots during the

Student Senate Elections will have the chance to vote on April 21. Provisional ballots will be available on line.

IV. Report of the Graduate Student Organization

No Report.

V. Report of the Administrative Officers

**Provost Prabhu**

Provost Prabhu encouraged the faculty to complete the Advisement Survey that has been sent to all faculty members.

**Executive Assistant to the President Phillips**

Executive Assistant to the President Phillips asked the faculty to explore the My MU website

VI. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

**First Readings**

Academic Policies Committee – Distance Learning Revised Policy

Dr. West, chair of the Academic Policies Committee will be available at the next Faculty Senate meeting to answer questions.

**Second Readings**

UCPRC – new course / changes in a course name and prerequisites respectively

MUSI 140 – The Singing Voice in Music Theatre - Effective Spring 2006 -

Approved

PHIL 371 – Advanced Seminar in Philosophy - Effective Fall 2005 – Approved.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

No Report.

VIII. Election

Dr. Amy Miller was nominated for Faculty Senate Secretary. Borger-Greco/Luek motion passed to close nominations and to direct the secretary to cast one vote for the nominee. Dr. Miller was elected Faculty Senate Secretary effective fall 2005.

IX. Faculty Emeritus

Fenwick/Luek motion – Professor Marshal D. Anderson was granted the honorary title of Associate Professor of Mathematics Emeritus.

DiBartolomeis/Wismer motion – Dr. David S. Ostrovsky was granted the honorary title of Professor of Biology Emeritus. [see Attachment #1]

DiBartolomeis/Wismer motion –Dr. William J. Yurkiewicz was granted the honorary title of Professor of Biology Emeritus. [see Attachment #2]

X. Other/New Business

University Awards – Dr. Labant discussed some issues related to the process followed by the Honors and Award Committee during the spring of 2005.

- Ballots were available during Spring Break making it inconvenient to vote.
- Process of printing the ballots was cumbersome.
- The list of awards seemed to be incomplete.

Dr. Labant recommended that voting be better timed and the process friendlier. Provost Prabhu expressed the need to review the process

XI. Old Business

General Education Task Force Recommendations

Senator Wismer suggested bringing the discussion of the principles for General Education to the Faculty floor as it has been traditionally done.

Dr. Foster-Clark Chair of the General Education Task Force requested that Faculty Senate accept the report of the Task Force and disband the committee. He expressed that the product of the Task Force work is owned by the Faculty Senate and the Faculty as a whole. The Task Force was disbanded effective September 1. The General Education Review Committee chaired by Senator Fenwick will continue to work on this reform.

Blazer/Borger-Greco motion to accept the principles for General Education (A-F) was passed. After a lengthy discussion related to the language utilized in most principles, and its redundancy, Principles B and C were the only ones that the Faculty Senate agreed to be appropriate as presently stated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elba I. Rohena  
Secretary of the Senate

Summer meeting: June 14 @ 3 p.m. in Armstrong Auditorium in Caputo Hall

Attachment #1

**FACULTY EMERITUS**

Date: April 12, 2005  
To: MU Faculty Senate  
From: MU Department of Biology  
RE: Faculty Emeritus Resolution Conferring Faculty Emeritus Status upon **Dr. David S. Ostrovsky**

The Department of Biology unanimously approved the following resolution on April 18, 2005 and now recommends its passage by the Faculty Senate:

**RESOLUTION CONFERRING FACULTY EMERITUS STATUS UPON DR. David S. Ostrovsky**

WHEREAS Dr. David S. Ostrovsky served as a faculty member of the Biology Department of Millersville University since 1973, a total of 31 years; and

WHEREAS Professor Ostrovsky served one term as Department Chairperson; and

WHEREAS Professor Ostrovsky was a dedicated and committed teacher, who was able to convey to his students his love of and enthusiasm for science in general and especially biology, who taught a wide range of courses, including Evolution, Human Biology, Biometry, Genetics, Cell Biology, Developmental Biology, Endocrinology and General Biology; and

WHEREAS Dr. Ostrovsky was a strong advocate of student use of computers as a tool to search for resource material for his courses, to analyze data collected in the laboratory and to incorporate material learned in the classroom into a personal web page; and

WHEREAS Professor Ostrovsky shared his love of computers with middle school students as a participant in Millersville University's Summer Science Training Program; and

WHEREAS Dr. Ostrovsky challenged and encouraged his students to make use of the newest computer technologies to enhance and strengthen their educational experiences and enthusiastically informed his colleagues of each new interesting website relevant to his or her course; and

- WHEREAS Professor Ostrovsky was a pioneer in developing a truly paperless and clutter-free office; and
- WHEREAS Professor Ostrovsky was the first faculty member in the Department to maintain a home page, to place courses online, to create Java programs for his Evolution, Human Biology, Biometry, Genetics and General Biology courses and to provide online textbooks for his students; and
- WHEREAS Dr. Ostrovsky could be depended upon to expedite discussion of the many issues faced by the department, was willing to take the part of the devil's advocate (contrarian view) for nearly every issue to make sure that all (both) sides of that issue were fairly represented and did all this while maintaining with wit, grace and good humor; and
- WHEREAS Professor Ostrovsky had a profound interest in advanced mathematics and could often be overheard discussing mathematical concepts with members of the Physics Department and he encouraged interdepartmental cooperation by teaching a joint Evolution Honors Seminar with the Earth Sciences Department and a course in Mathematical Modeling with the Mathematics Department; and
- WHEREAS Dr. Ostrovsky was not totally baffled by String Theory; and
- WHEREAS Dr. Ostrovsky was Secretary of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science for five years and served as a Co-Chair and organizer for an annual meeting of that society and served on a number of University and Department committees, including APSCUF representative council and the General Education Review Committee; and
- WHEREAS Dave is a dedicated world traveler and an avid skier who recently learned of the marvelous skiing conditions and natural beauty of Banff National Park and Lake Louise in Alberta, Canada; and
- WHEREAS Dr. Ostrovsky will be sorely missed by all of his colleagues at Millersville as he spends more time as a traveler, skier, lover of fine foods, Broadway shows and C-SPAN and a quintessential web surfer; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That in honor of his long service and contributions to his Department and the University, the Biology Department of Millersville University asks that Dr. David S. Ostrovsky be granted the honorary title of Professor of Biology Emeritus.

Attachment #2

**FACULTY EMERITUS**

Date: April 12, 2005  
To: MU Faculty Senate  
From: MU Department of Biology  
RE: Faculty Emeritus Resolution Conferring Faculty Emeritus Status upon **Dr. William J. Yurkiewicz**

The Department of Biology unanimously approved the following resolution on April 18, 2005 and now recommends its passage by the Faculty Senate:

**RESOLUTION CONFERRING FACULTY EMERITUS STATUS UPON DR. William J. Yurkiewicz**

- WHEREAS Dr. William J. Yurkiewicz served as a faculty member of the Biology Department of Millersville University since 1966, a total of 38 years and at the time of his retirement was the second ranking faculty member in time of service; and
- WHEREAS Professor Yurkiewicz was well respected by his colleagues, extremely well liked by his students, could be counted on to provide appropriate and wise counsel to his student advisees and on department, university, educational and scientific matters when needed and was generally regarded as one of the most amiable, kind and amenable members of the department; and
- WHEREAS Professor Yurkiewicz was a dedicated and committed teacher, who was able to convey to his students his love of and enthusiasm for science in general and especially biology, who, during his tenure at the University, taught 16 courses, including Nutrition, Human Sexuality, Zoology, Parasitology, General Biology and Animal Physiology; and
- WHEREAS Dr. Yurkiewicz was a strong advocate of undergraduate and graduate student research, acting as the supervisor for 37 undergraduate independent study projects and 11 graduate students and serving on the thesis committees of more than seven students; and
- WHEREAS Professor Yurkiewicz understood and appreciated the importance of work-related experience for our students and acted as the supervisor for 19 Co-Op Education students; and
- WHEREAS Dr. Yurkiewicz shared his knowledge and love for biology with various university communities and public organizations, presenting 57 public lectures and talks and attending 74 professional meetings at which he was the author or co-author of 35 papers; and

WHEREAS Professor Yurkiewicz had an excellent publication record of 52 scientific and non-technical papers and 12 abstracts and was a reviewer of five books; and

WHEREAS Professor Yurkiewicz taught 19 different Continuing Education courses, offered many workshops for Millersville University and taught in the Summer Science Training Program for nine years; and

WHEREAS Dr. Yurkiewicz was awarded 11 grants for research, including grants from the National Science Foundation, the American Heart Association and the Pennsylvania Department of Education; and

WHEREAS Professor Yurkiewicz was a member of nine professional societies, including the Entomological Society of America, the National Association of Biology Teachers, the Nutrition Today Society and the American Association of Sex Educators; and

WHEREAS Dr. Yurkiewicz served on 18 different University committees, including Faculty Senate, Faculty Evaluation Procedure Committee, APSCUF Scholarship Committee, Affirmative Action Committee, APSCUF Representative Council (twice) and Promotion and Tenure Committee (thrice); and

WHEREAS Dr. Yurkiewicz served on 16 different Biology Department committees, including Development of the Principles of Biology Course Committee, Core Curriculum Committee, Faculty Evaluation Committee, numerous search committees, and nine years as the Department Cooperative Education Coordinator; and

WHEREAS Dr. Yurkiewicz participated in many civic activities, such as service on the Nutritional Education Committee of Lancaster, as a consultant to the Planned Parenthood Volunteers on aspects of human sexuality, as a nutritional consultant to McCaskey High School and the Hanford Publishing Company of Lancaster, as a judge for science fairs and the 4-H clubs, and as a school board member; and

WHEREAS Dr. Yurkiewicz will be deeply missed by all of his colleagues at Millersville as he spends more time working around his home and on his farms as a dedicated homeowner and farmer, traveling to antique shows as an antiques aficionado and getting up early to find the best bargain and the most unique items at the daily yard sales; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That in honor of his long service and contributions to his Department and the University, the Biology Department of Millersville University asks that Dr. William J. Yurkiewicz be granted the honorary title of Professor of Biology Emeritus.