

Faculty Senate Minutes
April 3, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Government & Political Affairs, Music, Nursing, Physics and Social Work.

I. Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the March 20, 2007 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as corrected.

II. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Chairperson Börger-Greco noted that Commencement will be held at 10 am, May 12 in Biemesderfer Stadium and encouraged faculty to attend in regalia. She also reminded faculty of the upcoming vote on the General Education Proposal on April 25 and highlighted the April 12 luncheon planned by GERC to answer faculty questions. Dr. Börger-Greco reported that a reminder letter has been sent to departments scheduled to hold senator elections this year.

III. Report of the Student Senate President

Student Senate President Andrew Moyer requested that faculty encourage students to participate in the vote this week for Student Senate officers and the referendum on the SMC renovations. He also reported that 60 orientation leaders needed for this fall have been selected.

IV. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

V. Report of the Administrative Officers

President

President McNairy noted that while the Governor has recommended a 3.5% budget increase for PASSHE, it is not known what amount might be approved by the legislature. She further indicated that this may not be resolved by July 1, making it necessary for the Board of Governors to make a decision regarding tuition. Dr. McNairy also noted several items relating to public scrutiny of PASSHE schools. She pointed out several newspaper reports focusing on state employees earning 6-figure salaries, including numerous PASSHE faculty and staff. In addition, Senator Gib Armstrong has established a website offering rewards for persons suggesting ways to cut spending at Millersville University.

Dr. McNairy reported that candidates for Vice President of Student Affairs will be on campus soon. She also commended Earth Sciences student Daniel Eipper on being selected to receive a scholarship from the PASSHE Board of Governors.

Senator Blazer commented that the Faculty and APSCUF should not tolerate faculty members not meeting their professional responsibilities.

Provost

Provost Prabhu noted that searches for Assistant Vice President for Planning and Assessment, Associate Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences and Director of Business Studies appear to be coming to a close. Dr. Prabhu also reminded faculty that April 10 & 11 are make-up days to be used only for classes missed due to inclement weather. He stressed that classes should meet only at their regularly scheduled time.

VI. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

AOAC

Senator White invited faculty to attend the AOAC spring luncheon on April 24. She urged each department to send one or two representatives and indicated that reservations are needed to plan for lunch.

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First Readings

(1) CHANGE IN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

SOCY 302: Social Statistics. Proposal to increase credits/contact hours, change prerequisites and remove General Education designation.

(2) CHANGE IN UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

SOCY majors/minors. Proposal to change programs to accommodate the revised SOCY 302 course.

(3) CHANGE IN UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

SOCY minors. Proposal to change program to include previous changes to course renumbering.

(4) NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

WSSD 452: Nutrition for Performance Enhancement, 3 credits. Proposal to create a course to review nutritional needs of athletes.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

VIII. Proposed Courses and Programs

(1) CHANGE IN UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

PSYC 212: Proposal to change prerequisite to completion of PSYC 211 with a grade of C- or higher was approved without dissent.

(2) CHANGE IN UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

PSYC 314, 315, 316: Proposal to change prerequisite to completion of PSYC 212 with a grade of C- or higher was approved without dissent.

Senator Luek noted that the summer 2007 implementation date for this change was likely not practical, and she asked when this could be in place. Dr. Burns indicated that fall 2007 should be possible once the change is approved by Deans' Council.

IX. Faculty Emeritus

None

X. Other/New Business

None

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Action Summary:

The minutes of the March 20, 2007 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as corrected.