

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**June 15, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Communications & Theatre, Computer Science, English, Interdisciplinary Studies, Nursing, and Philosophy.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the April 20, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

**Second Readings**

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It was suggested that the three open elective credits for General Education be waived instead of the Perspectives requirement. It was noted that several other programs already use the P waiver.

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III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco thanked Senator Wagner for taking minutes this meeting. Dr. Börger-Greco reminded chairs of senate committees to submit annual reports. She also announced that Dr. Mowrey will continue to serve as Chair Pro Tempore for Senate as the alternate senator for Wellness & Sports Sciences. Dr. Börger-Greco noted remaining positions that need to be filled and that nominations for the final election as well as the at-large election should be sent to Senate Secretary, Dr. A. Miller.

IV. Report of the Student Senate President

Student Senate President Darling noted new Student Senate officers and a move of the Student Senate office to Franklin House.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

Graduate Student Association Representative Randolph commented on work on an honor society for the Graduate School.

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

**Provost**

Provost Prabhu commented on the collaborative process used to review low-enrollment programs at Millersville as requested by PASSHE. He noted that three programs have been placed in moratorium: 1) Associate of Science in Chemistry; 2) Associate of Science in Computer Science; 3) Master of Science in Biology. Dr. Prabhu also noted the challenges that still remain for programs in foreign languages and commented on ways that collaborations with other PASSHE schools are being explored.

It was noted that removing some low-enrollment degrees, like the AS CHEM, do not save any resources because all their courses are still being offered as part of other degrees. Discussion was held regarding the future of programs and faculty in foreign languages. It was noted that minors in these programs were not part of initial discussions with PASSHE. A comment was made about how foreign language courses play a key role for programs like International Studies. The effect on Special Education has not been addressed directly yet. The concept of collaborative programs and partnerships, like the MSW program with Shippensburg, was emphasized as part of future program changes.

Dr. Prabhu also discussed issues related to the unclear state of the budget and the need for work with Deans and departments to find more ways to cut costs or generate income. He noted that some cuts will be implemented but avoiding faculty retrenchment is a priority. Dr. Prabhu indicated that increased student enrollments in courses will be needed and the importance of transfer students for this. The effect of the budget on sabbaticals was questioned and noted to be reduced to help avoid faculty retrenchment. Concerns were expressed about the difficulties that transfer students have getting into classes that are already full and how HACC students specifically can be encouraged. Dr. Prabhu agreed that issues of class sizes and accommodating more students are serious problems we will need to continue to address.

**Associate Provost for Academic Administration**

Associate Provost Burns indicated that Middle States will vote on Millersville reaccreditation this month. He also commented that MU will be pursuing different areas in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

## **Director of Distance Learning and Off-Campus Education**

Mr. Anspacher reported on D2L implementation, fall course conversions, and installation of an upgrade (Version 9). He encouraged faculty to take advantage of training resources. Senator Mowrey expressed appreciation for the efforts to support faculty and students during the accelerated implementation of D2L on campus.

### VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

#### **General Education**

Dr. Schneller reported on several campus initiatives, including speakers, pilot studies with faculty on STARS (Student Artifact Repository Study) Project, a second pilot study of diversity courses, and Wabash teacher-scholar workshops on liberal arts.

#### **First Readings**

##### **GCPRC**

###### (1) CHANGE TO GRADUATE COURSE

EDTE 590: Information Literacy Through Guided Inquiry, 3 credits. Proposal to allow EDTE 590 to be offered in online format.

A GCPRC request that EDTE 590 be granted a waiver of the two-meeting rule was approved without dissent.

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Masters of Arts, History. Proposal to adjust admissions, course, and testing requirements for the Masters of Arts in History.

##### **UCPRC**

Senator Smith thanked members of UCPRC for work over the past year, noted that UCPRC does not meet over the summer, and reminded faculty that D-course proposals for expedited review will be accepted through August. Dr. Smith also announced new course proposal forms are available online.

###### (3) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

ENGL 487: Seminar in Teaching Writing, 3 credits, W. Proposal to add the W label to ENGL 487.

(4) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

BSE, English. Proposal to instate ENGL 311: Advanced Composition as a pre- or co-requisite for ENGL 487: Teaching Writing.

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BSE, English. Proposal to require ENGL 486: Teaching Reading and ENGL 487: Teaching Writing as prerequisites for ENGL 488 (renumbered from 485): Teaching English.

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HIST 206: World to 1500, 3 credits, W. Proposal to retain the W label for HIST 206.

(7) NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

SSCI 203H: Explorations in the History of Ideas, 3 credits, G3, W. Proposal for a course studying topics in intellectual history, with an emphasis on the development of the 'West' and its interactions with other civilizations and cultures.

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UCPRC proposed a waiver of the two-meeting rule for several courses. The proposal to waive the two-meeting rule for HIST206, SSCI203H, ITEC351, ITEC355, ITEC357, and ITEC program changes was approved without dissent.

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Senators were reminded of the importance of two meetings for review of proposals and asked to limit requests for waivers.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeritus

None

X. Other/New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ryan Wagner  
Acting Secretary of the Senate

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