

Faculty Senate Minutes September 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Academic & Student Development, Educational Foundations, Interdisciplinary Studies, and Nursing.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as corrected.

II. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco facilitated introductions of senate attendees and requested submission of any remaining committee reports for 2008-2009.

III. Report of the Student Senate President

Student Senate President Wrobel reported on starting a new school year. Ms Wrobel also announced Zach Love as Charity King.

IV. Report of the Graduate Student Association

Graduate Student Association Representative Randolph announced the GSA officers and reported on upcoming events. She highlighted the 50th anniversary of graduated studies at Millersville.

V. Report of the Administrative Officers

President

President McNairy congratulated Ms Mackenzie Wrobel on being selected to serve on the Board of Governors. Dr. McNairy also noted that budget information is still not yet available.

Provost

Provost Prabhu announced the arrival of 21 new tenure-track and seven temporary faculty members to Millersville as well as about 1350 new freshmen and 500 transfer students. Dr. Prabhu relayed several announcements on behalf of Associate Provost Burns. Appreciation was expressed for persons involved in Orientation. Reminders were made: Carter G. Woodsen Lecture on September 15; MS Chair site visit on October 30, 2009; MS Site Team visit February 28 - March 3, 2010; departmental MS bins due by December 4, 2009; extension of D-course expedited review through August 2010; Undergraduate Catalog available only online.

A question was raised about increases in class sizes. Dr. Prabhu indicated that budget cuts resulted in loss of some adjunct positions.

Vice President for Student Affairs

Vice President Breaux thanked faculty for helping with Orientation. She also commented on issues related to understanding and reporting potential cases of H1N1 on campus. Dr. Breaux noted that faculty are needed to lead simulated classes during Family Day on November 7, and she encouraged faculty to support Millersville athletics.

Interim Assistant Provost

Assistant Provost Redmond reminded faculty of the Early Intervention System.

VI. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

UCPRC

Senator Smith thanked Dr. Janet White for assistance during the transition of UCPRC leadership. Dr. Smith noted work being done to make course proposal materials readily available online.

ASC

Senator Sikora reported on ASC hearings held in June 2009.

GCPRC

Senator Edeh Herr thanked Dr. Becky Mowrey for assistance during the transition of GCPRC leadership. The administration indicated that Deans' Council has approved the proposal to form the Graduate Academic Appeals Committee.

EYASC

Senator Mowrey noted that the Selection Committee is ready to move forward with awarding an Educator of the Year Award in the spring.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

VIII. Proposed Courses and Programs

None

IX. Elections

Nominations were accepted from the floor for the third election. A Bookmiller/Hardy motion to close nominations was approved without dissent. A Saunders/Hardy motion to cast a unanimous vote for all unopposed candidates was approved without dissent.

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X. Career Services Presentation

Ms Margo Sassaman reviewed the services and information available from the Career Services Office.

XI. Other/New Business

Senator Saunders noted that the accrediting body for Counseling & Human Development has indicated that their faculty should not serve on committees that review student academic appeals. She encouraged other non-school faculty to serve in these capacities.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Secretary of the Senate

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