

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**January 18, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Academic Student Development, Interdisciplinary Studies, and Nursing.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the December 7, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

Second Readings

(1) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BIOL 485: Animal Behavior, 3 credits. Proposal to add W label was approved without dissent.

(2) NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BIOL 344: Population and Community Ecology, 3 credits. Proposal to offer a course to explore advanced concepts in ecology was approved without dissent.

(3) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

BIOL BS: Environmental Biology option. Proposal to modify required environmental biology, directed electives, and required related courses and add a research experience was approved without dissent.

(4) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

SOWK BA: major. Proposal to change SOWK 350: Encounters in Human Diversity from an elective to a required course was approved without dissent.

(5) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

SOWK 321/330: Social Work Research, 3 credits. Proposal to renumber course from SOWK 321 to SOWK 330 and add W label was approved without dissent.

(6) NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

SOWK 314: International Social Work, 3 credits. Proposal to offer a course to introduce students to social work practice and history around the world was approved without dissent.

(7) NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

SOWK 201: Social Welfare Policy and Economics, 3 credits. Proposal to offer a course to understand economic theory as it relates to practice with individuals and effects in the policy arena was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco reported that she is again the senator for Foreign Languages. She also distributed questions for her participation in the evaluation of the chancellor for 2010 and invited faculty input.

IV. Report of the Student Senate President

Student Senate President Darling reported on allocation packets (due January 28). It was clarified that groups not requesting funds do not need to submit anything for this deadline.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

**President**

President McNairy noted the Chancellor's Office is working on a Day of Advocacy to bring PASSHE needs before the legislature. Dr. McNairy announced that Millersville has been selected for the Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement classification. She noted the benefits for the region gained through student body training opportunities like service learning, cooperative experiences, and internships.

**Provost**

Provost Prabhu indicated being optimistic about Millersville being able to do what we do in spite of dire state budget issues. Dr. Prabhu welcomed Dr. Carol Phillips back as Interim Associate Provost until June 30 and noted that Dean Bray will also be assisting on some projects.

**Assistant Vice President of Academic Services**

Vice President Redmond shared excitement that a lower percentage of students (24%) in the revamped MU Pre-Scholars Institute finished the fall semester with a GPA below 2.0.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

**UCPRC**

*First Readings*

**(1) NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE**

ERCH421: Language Development and Emergent Literacy, 3 credits. Proposal to offer a course examining children's oral language development and its contribution to emergent literacy, including a field experience.

**GCPRC**

Dr. Mowrey pointed out that, for graduate students taking Monday evening classes in spring, their Friday night final exam block in the 4-day schedule coincides with the graduate commencement ceremony. Dr. Prabhu will discuss this issue with Dr. DeSantis and Ms Deen.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeritus

None

X. Other/New Business

Senate officer elections will be held at the next meeting. Nominations should be brought to the meeting. Dr. Mowrey noted that someone is needed to begin serving as Chair Pro Tempore immediately.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller  
Faculty Senate Secretary

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