

Faculty Senate Minutes
March 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Athletics, History, and Interdisciplinary Studies.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the March 1, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

Second Readings

(1) NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

MDLV486: Teaching English Language Learners in the Middle Level, 3 credits, P. Proposal for a course to prepare teacher candidates to understand cross-cultural and linguistic foundations of acquiring a new language and to integrate optimal learning environments in grades 4-8 was approved without dissent.

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Clarification was sought on the placement of courses within the Latino Studies minor proposal, and it was noted the curriculum sheet that had been distributed was incorrect. These will be addressed before approval.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco reminded senators of committee elections to be held at April 5 and April 19 meetings and encouraged faculty to volunteer to serve.

IV. Report of the Student Senate President

Student Senate President Darling reported on an opportunity to meet with legislature regarding budget cuts, a Town Hall meeting, Library Advisory Committee, opening of the SMC, Safety Day, and a community yard sale. A suggestion was made to invite local media to the Town Hall event.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Vice President for Finance & Administration

Mr. Bruszewski discussed the governor's proposed budget, focusing on the impact on students and university operations. He noted additional open forums will be held on campus and efforts by the administration to represent the needs of Millersville and PASSHE to the legislature. The campus community was encouraged to share concerns with legislators.

Associate Provost

Dr. Phillips noted that Information Technology would like to remove old governance manual pages from the website since the same information is now available as files and retain them on CD. A Palmer/Wushanley motion to archive the webpage versions of old governance manual and remove them from the website was approved with one abstention.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

GERC

Senator Cardwell presented a proposal from GERC to change the membership of GERC. The proposal to add the Director of Academic Advisement as an ex-officio, non-voting member of GERC was approved without dissent.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeriti

None

X. Other/New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

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