

Faculty Senate Minutes
October 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Accounting & Finance and Interdisciplinary Studies.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The revised minutes of the October 2, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

(1) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BUAD 207: Introduction to Information Science, 3 credits. Proposal to change the course number to 307 and the name to Management Information Systems was approved without dissent.

(2) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BUAD 251: Organization and Management, 3 credits, G3, W. Proposal to change the course name to Principles of Management and update the course description was approved without dissent.

(3) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BUAD 306: Business Research Methods, 3 credits. Proposal to change the course number to 206 and adjust math prerequisites was approved without dissent.

(4) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BUAD 308: Quantitative Methods in Business, 3 credits. Proposal to change the course number to 358 and the name to Management Science and to adjust prerequisites was approved without dissent.

(5) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BUAD 366: Federal Income Tax I, 3 credits. Proposal to establish minimal grades in prerequisites was approved without dissent.

(6) CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

BUAD 455: Strategic Management, 3 credits. Proposal to change the course name to Strategy and Policy was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco urged faculty to attend sessions with presidential candidates and provide feedback for the selection committee to consider. It was noted that issues raised between Faculty Senate and APSCUF related to the recent GenEd changes have provided an opportunity to improve dialogue among faculty representatives to both bodies. Senators are urged to stay in touch with APSCUF Representatives and encourage active engagement in meetings and discussions. Dr. Blaise Liffick urged faculty participation in SECA to reach the \$24k goal.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

Student Senate President Snyder reported on the homecoming parade and delegation of senators for representing student groups.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

Ms Brittany Gear reported on the First Book fundraising project.

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Provost

Dr. Prabhu reported on reaching the \$85M goal for the Soar to Greatness campaign but welcomed any additional faculty donations. He also highlighted the dedication of the Winter Center VPAC and noted the Ware Center will still be active in holding community engagement events. Dr. Prabhu noted the PA COT organization, including the Chancellor will be meeting at MU.

Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Breaux commented on homecoming athletic events, planned celebration for the championship soccer team, feedback from student focus groups on designs for the new housing project, and the Town-Gown off-campus housing initiative. She also noted TAT training to address early intervention for high-risk behaviors, highlighting the Counseling Center's Anxiety Screening Day as a way to encourage students to seek out help from campus resources.

Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

Dr. Adams encouraged faculty to attend the CAE event on iClickers and receive a start-up kit.

Associate Provost for Civic & Community Engagement

Dr. DeSantis reported on the Stewards of Sustainability Conference hosted by CCERP, noting strong student participation and thanks for faculty planning. He also noted numerous events for Career Week sponsored by the Experiential Learning Center.

It was noted that there are already >350 students enrolled for winter session. Total offerings are up to 90 this year, partly due to the 5-week winter break. Typical cancellation statistics are about 10% for online offerings and 25% for face-to-face. More PASSHE schools are also offering winter courses. Plans for summer are underway.

Dr. DeSantis also reported on explorations by Dr. Tekely into how enrollment numbers might be improved by modifying hours, format, or schedule organization to better meet student preferences. Dr. DeSantis noted working with department chairs on suggestions for changes that could benefit both students and faculty.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

AOAC

Senator Scott Anderson shared the draft of an attribute matrix developed by AOAC to assess GenEd competencies as a way to better know the liberal arts character of MU as an institution. This initiative was sparked by the Middle States review. Prof. Anderson expressed hope that primary course instructors would find it straightforward to complete this for a given course within 20 minute or less. Departments are being asked to identify an assessment coordinator to help complete an assessment for each undergraduate course on campus. Prof. Anderson noted CAE events will be used to help faculty understand or complete the assessment. The goal is for the bulk of the feedback to be submitted by the end of November. An electronic version is being developed. Collected responses from faculty will be integrated into WEAVE Online by the Assessment Office.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeriti

An Anthony/Mowrey motion that Dr. Alice Meckley be granted the honorary title of Professor of Elementary and Early Childhood Education Emerita was approved without dissent. [see Attachment #1]

X. MU Retention Initiatives

Senator Sciaretta reported on the numbers of students and advisors participating in the programs. He thanked faculty that responded to the call to report in on advisees on probation and encouraged faculty to refer any students to A&SD for related assistance. He recommended helping students to identify a time and date to meet with Mr. Sciaretta and following up by e-mail. An additional call for response will go out to faculty and tracking of student involvement and performance within the programs will continue into the spring.

XI. Other/New Business

Student Senate will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. Considering ways to mark the occasion. Faculty Senate was established in its current form in 1967.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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DATE: December 9, 2011
TO: Millersville University Faculty Senate
FROM: Elementary & Early Childhood Education Department
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS FOR DR. ALICE MECKLEY

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS** Alice Meckley, Professor of Elementary and Early Childhood Education, retired in June 2010 after 30 years of service at Millersville University, and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Meckley has been a highly dedicated and enthusiastic model of teaching of both undergraduate and graduate courses; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Meckley served as a supportive and conscientious academic advisor for hundreds of students at the graduate and undergraduate levels; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Meckley supervised hundreds of students during their early field experiences and student teaching; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Meckley made valuable contributions to the mission for the Department, the school, and the University through membership on many committees; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Meckley made valuable contributions to the community and professional organizations serving on 30 advisory boards, task forces, and boards of directors; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Meckley was dedicated to scholarship and presented at over 90 international, national, state, and local conferences and meetings; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Meckley was dedicated to scholarship and had 12 articles/book chapters published; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Meckley will be remembered for her dedication and passion for early childhood education and generating within her students a passion for teaching young children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Alice Meckley be granted the honorary title of Professor of Elementary and Early Childhood Education Emerita.