

Faculty Senate Minutes
September 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Interdisciplinary Studies.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the June 5, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

Second Readings

(1) NEW GRADUATE COURSE

ENGL 614: The Profession of English Studies, 3 credits. Proposal for course that reviews history and present state of English studies as an academic discipline was approved without dissent.

(2) CHANGE TO GRADUATE CURRICULUM

MA/MEd English. Proposal to broaden the allowed courses that count for requirements discipline was approved without dissent.

(3) CHANGE TO GRADUATE CURRICULUM

MA/MEd English. Proposal to allow ESL courses to count as linguistic requirement discipline was approved without dissent.

(4) CHANGE TO GRADUATE CURRICULUM

MA/MEd English. Proposal to number the Writing Institute courses to allow counting within degree requirements discipline was approved without dissent.

(5) CHANGE TO GRADUATE CURRICULUM

MA/MEd English. Proposal to require a course in writing pedagogy within programs discipline was approved without dissent.

(6) CHANGE TO GRADUATE CURRICULUM

MA/MEd English. Proposal to eliminate linguistic courses as an alternative for English education electives discipline was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco welcomed senators and led introductions. APC was referred the issue of drafting recommended language for how changes are made to the General Education as part of the program description document, including instructions for appropriate notifications and time frames. A point of order was raised regarding the interpretation of the vote on Gen Ed program changes. It was noted that organizational bylaws supersede Robert's Rules of Order while Robert's Rules supersede past practice. Specifically, a majority of eligible voters cast ballots, qualifying as a quorum and each proposed change was approved based on the majority of votes cast. The point of order to act according to Robert's Rules on the General Education changes was approved with two no votes and one abstention. The proposals to: 1) drop the 3-credit open elective; 2) allow counting of P courses required within a major program; 3) reduce the number of required W courses from four to three; and 4) remove the two-from-one department restriction for G1-G2-G3 blocks were approved.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

Student Senate President Kelly Mathiesen reported on the upcoming first meeting of Student Senate and new student elections.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

President

President McNairy welcomed faculty back to a new year and invited them and their families to convocation followed by the annual garden supper. Dr. McNairy also noted that some faculty and staff may have received parking citations in error this week and indicated that there should actually be more spaces available.

Dr. McNairy also reminded faculty that the Pennsylvania state law regarding the recent Right-to-Know request for personal information supersedes federal law and Millersville is responding as required by law. She noted that efforts to change legislative language have potential for both positive and negative impacts.

The issue of faculty paying for parking permits was raised. Dr. McNairy responded that parking strategies are under consideration but that recommended fees would not be implemented without prior discussion with APSCUF.

Provost

Provost Prabhu welcomed faculty and noted 1900 new freshman and transfer students on campus. It was noted that economics seem to be impacting retention across PASSHE and there are about 4100 fewer students than anticipated for this year. Dr. Prabhu emphasized the need to keep up the appeal of an affordable and quality education. A concern was raised regarding the location of the crosswalk in front of the SMC clock tower at the apex of the turn.

Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Breaux reported on a great orientation and student convocation. She noted an overall good start for most students despite a few incidents on campus. Dr. Breaux also apologized to faculty who were mistakenly cited for parking in white spaces. She indicated that plans for replacing student housing over the next seven years will be announced soon.

Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

Dr. Adams reported on orientation of 16 new faculty and thanked Drs. Dreon, K. Bookmiller, Marquez, and Yalda for their involvement. Dr. Adams noted that needs for exploratory seminars were met, including some new major-specific versions.

Assistant Vice President for Academic Services

Dr. Redmond welcomed faculty and noted Mr. Sciarretta will be presenting information on initiatives from the Department of Academic and Student Development.

Dean of Arts & Humanities

Dean Umble encouraged faculty to visit the new and renovated spaces for upcoming events at the Winter Center.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

None

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeriti

A Cook/Börger-Greco motion that Dr. Susan Luek be granted the honorary title of Professor of Psychology Emerita was approved without dissent. [see Attachment #1]

An A. Miller/Hardy motion that Dr. Mark A. Iannone be granted the honorary title of Professor of Chemistry Emeritus was approved without dissent. [see Attachment #2]

X. MU Transitions/MU Bridges

Mr. Joseph Sciarretta presented the basic principles of the MU Transitions and MU Bridges programs. He noted how these initiatives are meant to help students be successful after academic sanctions, including seminar meetings five times in the semester. Mr. Sciarretta encouraged faculty to consider ways they can support and encourage advisees to take advantage of these and other resources. In particular, he recommended the Student Inventory Profile as a tool that advisors could use with any advisee to increase awareness of academic success. Dr. Prabhu noted that the Provost's Retention Scholars are working on understanding how to help students be successful.

IX. Other/New Business

Dr. Mowrey reminded senators of the collaborative spirit between Faculty Senate and APSCUF and encouraged open dialogue.

XII. Committee Elections

Previous nominations were distributed and the floor opened for additional nominations for the third regular election. An A. Miller/Börger-Greco motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for each unopposed candidate was approved without dissent.

Previous nominations were distributed and the floor opened for additional nominations for an At-Large election. An A. Miller/Anderson motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for each unopposed candidate was approved without dissent.

Meeting was adjourned following elections (5:40 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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Attachment #1

To: Millersville University Faculty Senate and the Council of Trustees
From: Department of Psychology
Subject: Resolution of Emerita Status for Dr. Susan Luek
Date: May 7, 2012

Resolution

Whereas: Dr. Susan Luek provided 40 years of outstanding teaching and advisement for multiple generations of students in the Department of Psychology and Millersville University culminating in the inaugural Outstanding Educator of the Year Award in 2011; and,

Whereas: Dr. Susan Luek served over 30 years on the Faculty Senate, including two terms as Chair Pro Tempore; and,

Whereas: Dr. Susan Luek established the rat lab in Byerly and served for many years on the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee; and,

Whereas: Dr. Susan Luek demonstrated her commitment to diversity and women's issues as Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women and co-chaired the establishment of the Women's Center; for this service awarded an Excellence and Equity Award in 2009; and,

Whereas: Dr. Susan Luek was instrumental in establishment of the Scholar's Program, which became the University Honors Program and served 15 years as the first Honors Program Committee chair and subsequently as an honorary member of the University Honors College Committee; and,

Whereas: Dr. Susan Luek supervised or served on the thesis committees of 71 students who graduated with departmental and/or University Honors College Honors; with many of her supervised students she presented poster sessions at the Eastern Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association; and,

Whereas: Dr. Susan Luek established on campus the Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology and has served as its Faculty Advisor since its establishment in 1989; and,

Whereas: Dr. Susan Luek was Faculty Advisor of the Psychology Club for 37 years, and through this organization and Psi chi, performed community service for the Lancaster County Council of Churches, Clare House, Friendship Community, and the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society; and,

Whereas: Dr. Susan Luek served as member or chair of dozens of University, school, and departmental committees; and,

Whereas: Dr. Susan Luek served as Judge for the Lancaster County Science and Engineering Fair for 22 years

Therefore be it resolved: that the Department of Psychology of Millersville University enthusiastically congratulates and thanks Dr. Susan Luek for her extraordinary contributions to the department, the School of Education and the university community; and further that the Department of Psychology enthusiastically recommends be granted the honorary title of Professor of Psychology Emerita.

Attachment #2

DATE: September 4, 2012
TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: Chemistry Department
RE: FACULTY EMERITUS FOR DR. MARK A. IANNNONE

As of August 29, 2012, the Chemistry Department unanimously approves and recommends the following resolution to Faculty Senate:

WHEREAS Dr. Mark A. Iannone, Professor of Chemistry, has faithfully served the Chemistry Department, Millersville students, and the Millersville community of which he has been a member for 18 years with honor and distinction, and

WHEREAS Dr. Mark A. Iannone has served unselfishly on major faculty committees, notably as a member of Academic Policies, APSCUF Representative Council and on the Culturally Responsive Teaching Committee, and as alternate Faculty senator and

WHEREAS Dr. Mark A. Iannone has contributed to the education of all chemistry majors for 18 years in the classroom, teaching laboratories, and supervising undergraduate research, and

WHEREAS Dr. Mark A. Iannone, while maintaining high standards, effectively discharged his teaching duties in Introductory Chemistry for science majors, and for chemistry majors in teaching Physical Chemistry, and developed the curriculum for the polymer chemistry option, and

WHEREAS Dr. Mark A. Iannone has faithfully, efficiently, and without seeking recognition, developed and maintained several computer programs used by all our students in physical chemistry laboratory and in research and

WHEREAS Dr. Mark A. Iannone distinguished himself as a scholar through his numerous research grants, publications, and presentations and his consultant and reviewing activities in the field of physical chemistry as recognized by his colleagues,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Mark A. Iannone be granted the honorary title of Professor of Chemistry Emeritus.