

Faculty Senate Minutes
February 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Accounting & Finance, Athletics, Government & Political Affairs, and History.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as corrected.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

(1) Joint Masters in Emergency Management and Social Work. Proposal to allow students in the MSW and MSEM programs to pursue a joint degree was approved without dissent.

(2) ART376: Intro to Photo: Digital, 3 credits, G1. Proposal for course to introduce basic skills and concepts associated with digital photography was approved without dissent.

(3) PSYC211: Principles of Statistics & Experimental Design I. Proposal to add prerequisite of C- or better in MATH101, C- or better in MATH130, or placement into MATH130 or above was approved without dissent.

(4) PSYC212: Principles of Statistics & Experimental Design II. Proposal to add prerequisite of C- or better in MATH101, C- or better in MATH130, or placement into MATH130 or above was approved without dissent.

(5) BA: Psychology. Proposal to eliminate required course in MATH or CSCI was approved without dissent.

(6) BA, BS, BSE: Earth Sciences (all majors/options). Proposal to delete ESCI110: Introduction to Earth Sciences, 2 credits, as required course for all majors and options and make the change retroactive for freshmen completing UNIV103 was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco welcomed Drs. DeSantis, Shibley, and Hanich to report on the strategic planning process. Comments from senators were collected. It was noted that campus units will develop action plans related to the strategic plans and that the COT will endorse the plan and work to facilitate implementation and assessment.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

Student Senate President Justin Miller reported on planned attendance at COSGA, allocations proceeding, and working to identify a faculty member to serve as an advisor for Student Senate. It was noted that official notifications being sent to campus should be sent via a campus e-mail account.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Associate Provost for Academic Administration

Dr. Adams reminded faculty of the need to be flexible in dealing with weather closures. He thanked Dr. Keefer for the novel approach to spring faculty convocation and noted a good response.

Dean of Arts & Humanities

Dr. Diane Umble noted the passing of faculty emeritus Ike Hay.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

UCPRC

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

(1) ENTR315: Entrepreneurship Practicum, 3 credits. Proposal for course to provide training in entrepreneurial leadership, emphasizing experiential learning.

(2) HIST214: History of Christianity to the Reformation, 3 credits, G3, D, DL. Proposal for course to examine the formation of early Christianity through the European Reformation.

(3) ERCH496: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment: Engaging the Young Learner, 6 credits. Proposal for course to prepare teacher candidates in the general areas of curriculum, instruction, and assessment for children infancy to kindergarten.

CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

(4) ART167: Non-Traditional Photography, 3 credits, G1. Proposal to add G1 label and remove restriction to majors.

CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

(5) BA: Music: Music, Business, and Technologies option. Proposal to adjust program to include new option-specific courses and remove less relevant courses.

GCPRC

Dr. Mowrey announced an upcoming Graduate Open House event and encouraged faculty to recommend MU programs to their students. She also noted work on revision of the Masters of Education Core.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeriti

None

X. Update on Course Review Process

Senator A. Miller commented on efforts to begin piloting the new course review process, noting the administrative role of the Associate Provost's Office, hosting web resources with centralized information for review (login information to be distributed) and handling file distribution. Dr. Adams will be working with school curriculum committee chairs to select pilot proposals. Meanwhile, curriculum committees will be encouraged to continue working via regular meetings, taking advantage of electronic mechanisms and not be constrained by the two-meeting rule for proposals not needing additional review time.

XI. Election of Senate Officers

An Anderson/Cardwell motion to close nominations and elect Dr. Aimee Miller as Secretary for 2014-2015 was approved without dissent.

A Börger-Greco/J. Miller motion to close nominations and elect Dr. Shaun Cook as Chair Pro Tempore for 2014-2015 was approved without dissent.

A Robinson/Snyder motion to close nominations and elect Dr. Ana Börger-Greco as Chair for 2014-2015 was approved without dissent.

X. UNIV103

Discussion was initiated on offerings of UNIV103, particularly for declared majors. Key points mentioned were:

- It can be a burden to offer in departments with few majors.
- Offering UNIV103 can be a detraction from other departmental offerings.
- Some departments introduce the discipline at a later point or have other mechanisms in place to accomplish similar goals.
- Freshman enrollments are not necessarily stable and transfer students are missed.
- Departments with large enrollments find it difficult to offer sufficient sections.
- Advisement is a critical component.
- Provides a good opportunity to introduce students to the breadth of a discipline.
- The value for undeclared students seems higher than for students within a major department.
- The reduction made in G1/G2/G3 courses to introduce UNIV103 within the GenEd curriculum does not seem to align well with a campus commitment to liberal arts.

X. Other/New Business

There is a public budget response website to allow submission of comments on the Governor's proposed budget. Thursday, February 20 is PASSHE day for participating in budget hearings.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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