

Faculty Senate Minutes
June 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Accounting & Finance, Athletics, Educational Foundations, English, Government & Political Affairs, History, Music, Philosophy, and Physics.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

- (1) MUSI 201: Music and Sound in Cinema; G1, W, D; 3 credits. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.
- (2) MUSI 202: American Broadway Musicals; G1, W; 3 credits. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.
- (3) MUSI 203: Understanding the Language of Music; G1, D; 3 credits. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.
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- (5) MUSI 301: Music in Early Childhood; G1, W, D; 3 credits. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.
- (6) MUSI 303: Latino Music in the United States; G1, W, D; 3 credits. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.
- (7) ART 140: Digital Foundations of Art; G1; 3 credits. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.
- (8) GOVT 431: Literature and Politics; W; 3 credits. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM (CONSENT AGENDA)

- (9) ESCI, all majors. Proposal that only one P course may count towards the major was approved without dissent.
- (10) PSYC 215: Introduction to Physiological Psychology, 3 credits. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco reminded committee chairs to submit annual reports and announced meeting dates for the 2015-16 academic year.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

None

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

President

Dr. Anderson noted enrollment is on target and budget plans are being considered. He also highlighted participation with the Campus Compact board and Millersville's recognition with distinction for service learning programs.

Provost

Dr. Prabhu noted plans for marketing new programs once they are approved by COT and BOG. A question was raised about staff support for new programs, and it was noted that this is part of the budget plan. Dr. Prabhu recognized that early years of a new program may require funding input but plans need to be in place for becoming self-sustaining. Concerns were expressed about cuts to departmental secretaries and ongoing disruptions in D2L or other IT services. Dr. Anderson noted a faculty advisory team will work with Mr. Bruszewski on related issues.

VII. Curricular Notices

The campus has been notified of the following proposals.

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

(1) PSYC 357: Neuropsychology, 3 credits. Proposal for new course.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

It was noted that it is unclear how DL offerings are reviewed for new courses. This should promote consultation with faculty or support staff with expertise in DL. A Kelly/Cook motion to direct APC to consider implementing DL designation review that does not require any special review other than agreement between a department and dean was approved without dissent.

UCPRC

CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE:

- (1) MUSI 368: International Music. Proposal to add W and D labels.
- (2) MUSI 369: West African Music and Dance. Proposal to add D label.

GCPRC

CHANGE TO GRADUATE COURSE:

- (3) EMGT 617: Emergency Management: Crisis, Emergency, and Risk Communication. Proposal to update title, course description, and learning outcomes.

Concern was raised about the review of proposals in interdisciplinary courses and programs by a single school that does not necessarily represent the content area.

Dr. Mowrey noted that GCPRC would soon bring a written proposal for timing of review for graduate proposals.

Transfer Advisory Committee

Dr. Kim Morton presented recommended changes to the policy defining cumulative grade point averages so that transfer credits and advanced standing credits would no longer be included in the CGPA. This would ensure that transfer student academic standing would be based only on their work at Millersville. A Walsh/A. Miller motion to waive the two-meeting rule for consideration of the Academic Standards, Probation, Dismissal, and Appeal policy was approved without dissent. The update to Academic Standards, Probation, Dismissal, and Appeal policy was approved without dissent.

ASC

Senator Kelly reported on academic dismissals and appeals from January and June 2015.

Internship Program

Ms. Michele Boté presented clarifications made to the proposed revision of the Internship Program based on feedback from Deans' Council and previous Senate review.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

None

XI. Budget Update

Ms. Jennifer Mariacher and Ms. Amanda Flurry reviewed information about the current budget status and scenarios that impact the final financial situation for next year. The delays in Pennsylvania legislative action on budget, freezing of staff positions, and questions of our second year tuition pilot were noted. A fixed doctoral-level rate was noted for those new programs.

XII. Elections

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

XIII. Other/New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned after elections (4:47 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

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