

Faculty Senate Minutes  
October 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Art & Design, Athletics, and Counseling & Human Development.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

None

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

None

IV. Report of the Student Senate

Randi Chrismer, Student Senate President reported on a town hall meeting about the new tuition model. She mentioned concerns about the new fee for STEM majors. Ms Chrismer requested that the Joint Senate Conference Committee meet to review changes to the allocations process.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

**Associate Provost**

Dr. Adams noted several MDST degree programs have been developed and more are underway. Individual students have also developed programs, and the first two students have graduated. Senators requested that more information be made available regarding variations individual students have generated. It was noted a program one student completes does not become permanently available for any student. Concern was raised by Geography that, during approval of the MDST, it was stated that the degree would help low-enrolled departments increase graduates but students in this program are instead counted only as MDST majors. It was pointed out that this creates a competition of small departments with the MDST for students and eliminates the incentive for small departments to work on creating MDST programs related to their fields. Dr. Adams indicated that the administration would use related MDST programs and students to

support department evaluation and that further methods to work within how PASSHE evaluates major enrollments should be considered.

Dr. Adams noted that the rubrics developed by AOAC are available for faculty use from the General Education website. He also announced the Lancaster Learns collaboration among higher education institutions in Lancaster County. Dr. Adams encouraged faculty to present or get involved, highlighting the plenary talk to be given by Dr. Shaun Cook.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

**UCPRC**

**NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

(1) ENGL 111: English Composition Lab, 1 credit. Proposal for course to be taken concurrently with ENGL 110 to assist students with related assignments through a lab/workshop format.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeriti

A Shettel/Igyor motion that Dr. Lillie West be granted the honorary title of Associate Professor of Elementary & Early Childhood Education Emerita was approved without dissent. [see Attachment #1]

X. 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.

XI. Other/New Business

Senator Sciarretta thanked faculty for helping support the MU Bridges program to help students be successful. He pointed out that Dr. Kim Morton will be specializing in academic transitions for transfer students. Mr. Sciarretta also indicated work with Dr. Sherlynn Bessick on separating evaluation of academic issues related to diagnosis for PTSD in veteran students from other educational issues. Mr. Sciarretta also reported that Dr. Lisa Shibley is working to analyze freshman survey results as a way to possibly identify early warning signs that students may need academic support. Senators expressed interest in a summary of the survey results. They may be available through the Institutional Research website.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller  
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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Attachment #1

DATE: September 25, 2014  
TO: Millersville University Faculty Senate  
FROM: Early, Middle, and Exceptional Education Department  
SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS FOR  
Dr. Lillie West**

**RESOLUTION**

- WHEREAS** Dr. Lillie West, Associate Professor, retired in June, 2014 after 17 years of service in both teaching and leadership positions (as a Department Chair and as Director of Field Services) at Millersville University. She had 20 years in public school teaching, and two years teaching in U.S. Department of Defense Overseas Schools in Turkey; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. West has been a dedicated and enthusiastic model of teaching of both graduate and undergraduate courses; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. West served as a supportive and conscientious academic advisor for numerous students at the undergraduate level; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. West made valuable contributions to the mission of the department through membership on many of its committees ; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. West supervised hundreds of students during their professional block and student teaching experiences; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. West received numerous awards and honors from various organizations for her services in both teaching and research; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. West was committed to scholarship as she presented at numerous national, regional, state, & and local conferences; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. West was a contributing author of books, monographs, and scholarly articles in peer-reviewed journals; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. West was a Co-PI of Collaborative for Excellence in Teacher Preparation (CETP) and Mentoring Coordinator for the Renaissance Teacher Work Sample (TWS); and
- WHEREAS** Dr. West will be remembered for her kindness, dedication, and her commitment to generating within her students a true love of teaching;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Dr. Lillie West be granted the honorary title of Associate Professor of Elementary & Early Childhood Education, Emerita.