

**Faculty Senate Minutes
October 21, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Communication & Theatre.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the October 7, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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 was approved without dissent.

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Notice Sep 19 (revised Oct 17):

ART 245: Creativity, Innovation, Human Centered Design Thinking, 3 credits, G1.

Notice Oct 17:

GOVT 331: Modern Political Thought, 3 credits.

MATH 419: Actuarial Science Seminar, 1 credit.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Notice Oct 10:

BIOL 485: Animal Behavior. Change prerequisites.

Notice Sep 19:

ART 344: Visual Communications & Graphic Design I. Change prerequisites.

ART 345: Introduction to Computer Art. Change prerequisites.

ART 346: Introduction to Computers in Design. Change prerequisites.

ART 347: Design for Social Equality. Change prerequisites.

ART 348: Packaging and Design. Change prerequisites.

ART 349: Information Design. Change prerequisites.

ART 375: Illustration. Change prerequisites.

PHYS 471: Quantum Mechanics. Change prerequisites.

Notice Sep 12/approved at SCC:

SOWK 301: Social Work Practice I. Change prerequisites.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco noted that departments with curriculum proposals beginning the review process should announce them to Senate for inclusion in minutes.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

None

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Provost

Dr. Prabhu reported on meetings with departments. He clarified that the per credit tuition structure promotes students opting to spread their credits over all terms. It was noted this is currently being phased in but will eventually be a flat rate per credit. Dr. Prabhu noted that we will want to offer more courses in winter and summer as demand increases. It was stressed that faculty should direct students with financial questions to the Financial Aid office for the best information of changes and available options. Concern was raised regarding an e-mail from Dr. Anderson referencing implementation of new curriculum that faculty have not developed.

Dr. Prabhu commented on concerns from departments regarding development of MDST options that do not benefit the counting of majors in the parent departments. Dr. Prabhu emphasized the flexibility possible for departments to develop interdisciplinary curricula and that involvement in these programs would be instrumental in countering PASSHE perceptions of under-enrolled majors. It was noted that while PASSHE may decide to discontinue a program, decisions to retain faculty who are productive in other ways on campus are determined locally. Dr. Prabhu encouraged faculty to pursue developing MDST options and to consider it as a method to explore new curricula.

Associate Provost

Dr. Adams commented on the new course review process and thanked school curriculum committee chairs for help getting it up and running.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

GCPRC

NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM

EDFN: Doctorate in Education- Educational Leadership. Proposal for a degree program aimed at training school district leaders. To be offered jointly with Shippensburg.

It was noted that students entering the program would have a Master's degree and initial administrative and supervisory certification and that the program has some focus on issues related to poverty and providing diverse learning experiences. The proposal was supported unanimously by GCPRC.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeriti

None

X. Other/New Business

Senator Sciarretta thanked faculty for continued engagement with student success and retention initiatives.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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