

**Faculty Senate Minutes  
September 2, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Accounting & Finance, History, Nursing, and Philosophy.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as corrected.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

**CHANGE TO GRADUATE COURSE**

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- (5) ENGL673: Professional Writing Workshop, 3 hrs. Proposal for course focused on the rhetoric(s) of professional communication within the contexts of students' own on-the-job writing was approved without dissent.
- (6) ENGL674: New Media Rhetoric, 3 hrs. Proposal for course to give students a rhetorical and theoretical understanding of how texts operate in online media was approved without dissent.
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- (9) MATH605: Ethnomathematics, 3 hrs. Proposal for course to introduce the study of mathematics across and within cultures was approved without dissent.

### III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco led introductions of senators for the new school year and announced meeting dates. The new Early, Middle & Exceptional Education Department name was announced. Dr. Börger-Greco shared the Annual Update of Recent Graduates. She also urged students to consider addressing issues of academic honesty.

A reminder was made that electronic files of curriculum proposals must be posted to begin the new review process. Notifications will be sent each week from the Associate Provost to campus curriculum review representatives. Approval at Senate will be done on a consent agenda unless there are issues to resolve about a proposal. Faculty serving on campus committees were reminded to be in contact with chairs so that work is not delayed.

Dr. Börger-Greco announced that APSCUF administrative assistant, Clair Martin, has retired. She noted that any donations towards a retirement gift for Ms Martin can be forwarded to Pat Brislin.

### IV. Report of the Student Senate

Student Senate President Randi Chrismer reminded senators that student organization paperwork is due September 15, including an advisor agreement and banking information as relevant. Ms Chrismer also reported on the leadership retreat to be held September 21 for all organization presidents and treasurers. The importance of ensuring that faculty advisors are getting notifications by way of campus e-mail was stressed since faculty do not normally access the Get Involved site. It was also noted that organization rosters are cleared each year and active members need to enroll again.

A new funding structure and process was explained that should allow for greater flexibility in meeting needs. A new Chief Justice position was noted to assist with financial audits of student organizations. Ms Chrismer mentioned the Pennies on the Statue scholarship funding and Brick by Brick campaign.

### V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

### VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

## **President**

Dr. Anderson invited participation in the American Dream Scholarship Ride on September 20 by riding or supporting riders. He also encouraged everyone to attend Convocation on September 4. Dr. Anderson thanked Dr. Chris Hardy, Biology, for his work identifying Trees of Distinction on campus and noted new signage on campus about the trees and history.

## **Provost**

Dr. Prabhu explained the new tuition structure based on payment per credit and noted student aid available from revenue to assist needy students. He emphasized that taking summer and winter classes will now be similar to taking 14 credits or more in a semester. It was noted that the credit average for students this fall is not very different from previous years and that the new structure could be valuable for students regularly taking fewer credits, including those working and with academic disabilities. Senators expressed interest in faculty having greater notification of the new structure to help advise students. Concerns were raised about the fact that 15 credits per semester is needed to earn 120 in four years and that student teaching credits are not flexible. Faculty were encouraged to refer students to seek assistance from Financial Aid and consider flexible payment options. Dr. Anderson noted PASSHE approval of the tuition plan only occurred in summer and is a 3-year trial.

Faculty were referred to information available at the Bursar's Office website:

<http://www.millersville.edu/bursar/tuition-fees/index.php>

Dr. Prabhu reported strong freshman and transfer enrollments. He noted admissions into the Honors College with students housed in Reighard Hall. Dr. Prabhu also reported 13 students from Shanghai, China and increased numbers of out-of-state students due to more focused recruiting in NJ, MD, and DE.

Dr. Prabhu encouraged faculty to submit proposed winter courses. He indicated plans to visit every department this year accompanied by Dr. Anderson whenever possible.

## **Associate Provost**

Dr. Adams reported on new faculty orientation and encouraged participation in fall events being hosted by CAE.

## **Associate Provost for Civic and Community Engagement**

Dr. DeSantis announced 600 students planning to participate in Day of Caring projects around the county, Constitution Week activities, and planning for this year's International Policy Conference, including a keynote talk on the Inequality topic by Mr. Jeremy Rifkin, author of *Zero Marginal Cost Society*. Faculty were encouraged to attend PASSHE Summit on Inclusive Excellence and International Education hosted by MU. A question was raised

about any discount for faculty. It was explained that funding would be available for faculty presenting but other faculty would need to discuss options with school deans regarding special assignments or accommodations, particularly sessions concurrent with teaching schedules. Dr. Prabhu will explore whether faculty or students may attend specific sessions without registration for the whole conference.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

**AOAC**

Dr. Schreiber noted that rubrics related to writing, critical thinking, and information literacy will be coming forward for review and others on mathematical reasoning, scientific reasoning, and technology competency are being developed. She also noted consideration of the role and function of AOAC on campus.

**GCPRC**

Dr. Mowrey noted that GCPRC is working on doctoral degree policies and encouraged any interested departments to participate in related discussions.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

IX. Faculty Emeriti

An A. Miller/Wallace motion that Dr. Sandra L. Turchi be granted the honorary title of Professor of Chemistry Emerita was approved without dissent.

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 Grant reported that some pre-season schedules have created conflicts for student athletes and concerns can be directed to him directly. He noted that notifications to faculty of schedules will be distributed soon.

Senator Sciarretta notified senators that advisees of students with academic warning or at risk will be contacted to follow up.

Senator Wallace invited faculty to participate in dedication of the Millersville University Biological Preserve on September 29.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller  
Faculty Senate Secretary

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Attachment #1

**DATE:** September 2, 2014  
**TO:** Faculty Senate  
**FROM:** Chemistry Department  
**RE:** Professor Emerita for Dr. Sandra L. Turchi

*On 27th August 2014*, the faculty of the Chemistry Department of Millersville University unanimously approved and recommended the following resolution to Faculty Senate.

WHEREAS Dr. Sandra L. Turchi has served faithfully and with diligence the Chemistry Department, Millersville students, and the Millersville community of which she has been a part for thirty-one years, and

WHEREAS Dr. Sandra L. Turchi has served effectively and unselfishly as Chemistry Department chair for twenty-one years and has additionally served on numerous faculty committees, notably the University Promotion and Tenure Committee, the Undergraduate Course and Program Review Committee, the Sabbatical Leave Committee, the Provost Search Committee, chair of the Search Committee for the Director of Continuing Education, and chair of the Faculty Grants Committee, and

WHEREAS Dr. Sandra L. Turchi has contributed to the education of all chemistry majors in classroom and laboratory instruction, as well as supervising the research of more than eighty undergraduates, resulting in more than fourteen publications and nineteen presentations at national, regional, or local area scientific meetings, and

WHEREAS Dr. Sandra L. Turchi has maintained high teaching and intellectual standards and has established and advanced the Biochemistry option within the Chemistry Department, including creating and revising many of the laboratory experiments used within Biochemistry I, and

WHEREAS Dr. Sandra L. Turchi has represented Millersville University through her attendance and presentations at national, regional, or local area scientific meetings, including the Lancaster Branch of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Southeastern Chapter of the American Chemical Society,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Sandra L. Turchi be granted the honorary title of Professor of Chemistry Emerita.