

Faculty Senate Minutes
April 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Educational Foundations and Early, Middle & Exceptional Education.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the April 5, 2016 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as corrected.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

CHANGE TO GRADUATE POLICY

- (1) Proposal updating language of GCPRC governance document and adding functions was approved without dissent as modified.

Discussion was held regarding the recommended changes, including modification to remove language stating when exactly election of the GCPRC chair is conducted by Senate.

NEW GRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (2) ELPP 510: Special Education Law, 3 credits. Proposal for new course providing an overview of federal law pertaining to special education students was approved without dissent.

CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE POLICY

- (3) Proposal modifying language outlining the Perspectives label was not approved by a vote of 9 in favor and 19 against. Students completing a semester abroad will continue to have the P requirement waived.

Discussion was held regarding the proposal from GERC to remove the P course waiver for students studying abroad since a D course waiver has been put in place instead. Key points raised were:

- Foreign Languages distributed a memo outlining the relevance of a P waiver for students who complete their academic work abroad in a language other than English.
- Several students shared their views on how their study abroad experience shaped their perspectives.
- Students often study abroad during their junior year, making it difficult to enroll in a P course given the 60-credit prerequisite.

- There is value in immersion in another culture and language and application of language study in a real-world context.
- Not all study abroad experiences have a tangible sharing of perspectives gained via oral or written components as outlined in Perspective criteria.
- Not every study abroad experience will be interdisciplinary as outlined in Perspective criteria and competencies.

A Börger-Greco/A. Miller motion to retain the language of the existing Perspectives language with addition of specification that the study be conducted in a language other than English or International Studies students in a non-native language was not approved by a vote of 11 in favor, 16 against, and 1 abstention. A Baker/Blazer motion to conduct voting via a paper ballot was passed by a vote of 25 in favor and 5 against. It was noted this helps protect non-tenured faculty and allow faculty to honestly express their will regarding the issue.

(4) Proposal modifying language outlining MDST programs was approved with two abstentions as amended.

A question was raised about why the requirement for students to maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better in each Core area would be applied only to those in a student-designed MDST. A Blazer/A. Miller motion to remove “student-designed” from the requirement for a minimum 2.0 GPA in each Core area was approved with two abstentions.

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (5) DESN 201: Understanding Web Design, 3 credits, G1, DL. Proposal for new course on the meaning, methods, and concepts necessary to understand Web Design was approved without dissent.
- (6) ESCI 381: Water Wars: The Science and Policy of Water Resources, 3 credits, P. Proposal for new course with interdisciplinary investigation of the causes and solutions of water crises was approved without dissent.
- (7) GEOG 242: London, 3 credits, G3, DL. Proposal for new course introducing basic geographic concepts and methods of analysis using London as a context was approved without dissent.
- (8) GFED 377: Portrayals of the Gifted in Popular Culture: Myth vs. Reality, 3 credits, P, D, DL. Proposal for new course looking at gifted individuals through a popular culture lens was approved without dissent.
- (9) MUSI 380: History of the Recording Industry, 3 credits, P. Proposal for new course about invention and implementation of various recording devices and formats and impact on artists and audiences was approved without dissent.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (10) GEOG 227: Cities. Change title and update course description was approved without dissent.

(11) ENGL313: Fundamentals of Journalism. Proposal to remove from Advanced Writing courses was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco reminded senators of the summer Senate meeting will be held June 14 at 3 p.m. and reminded ACFN, CSCI, ESCI, ECON and NURS departments to hold elections for their senator and alternate. She encouraged faculty to attend commencements in regalia and to volunteer for committee service with elections, including at-large, to be held at the September 6 Senate meeting. Dr. Börger-Greco also reminded chairs of Senate committees to submit annual reports by June 1.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

None

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Provost

Provost Prabhu urged faculty to attend commencement ceremonies. It was pointed out that Monday night graduate courses have final exams scheduled Friday night during Graduate Commencement. Concerns about misperceptions of faculty work beyond campuses was discussed. Dr. Prabhu emphasized the exceptional professional work of Millersville faculty beyond the classroom, noting Drs. Haines and Wagner hosted CPUB at Millersville recently. The relevance of the Snyder Report gathering faculty data on professional work hours was questioned.

Associate Provost

Associate Provost Adams reminded faculty of the upcoming Made in Millersville event.

Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management

Vice President Hazlett reviewed a summary Admissions Report.

VII. Curricular Notices

The campus has been notified of the following proposals.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) THEA120: Stagecraft. Proposal to add G1 label, update outcomes, and formalize experiential learning requirements.
- (2) Entrepreneurship Minor. Proposal to change curriculum options.
- (3) BS Ocean Sciences. Proposal to change required courses.
- (4) BDES, Interactive & Graphic Design. Proposal to change program to meet accreditation requirements.

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (5) MATH070: Essential Mathematics, 3 credits. Proposal for new course focused on computational and problem-solving skills for students in Career and Life Studies program (not for college credit).
- (6) ENTR370: Media Entrepreneurship, 3 credits, W. Proposal for new course to introduce major steps of creating a for-profit or nonprofit communication-based enterprise.
- (7) LANC490: Language and Culture Studies Senior Seminar, 3 credits. Proposal for new course providing capstone experience for Culture Studies majors.
- (8) BS Music Business Technology. Proposal for BS program to replace current BA option.
- (9) BA French, Culture Studies option. Proposal for new option focused on language and culture.
- (10) BA German, Culture Studies option. Proposal for new option focused on language and culture.
- (11) BA Spanish, Culture Studies option. Proposal for new option focused on language and culture.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

GERC

Senator Baker reported on updated forms to be used when recertifying W/P/D courses.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

None

XI. Other/New Business

Dr. David, APSCUF-MU, reminded faculty that the survey on the Common Hour will be available through April 20.

A Blazer/Baker motion to no longer read emeriti statements at Senate meetings was not approved.

XII. Elections

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

Meeting was adjourned after elections (5:32 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

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