

**Faculty Senate Minutes
December 1, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Athletics, Music, and Nursing.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written with one abstention.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

ACADEMIC POLICY CHANGES

- (1) Notice of Intent. Proposal to implement use of a campus notice of intent when developing new credentials was approved without dissent.

It was clarified that the NOI does not require approval or restrict faculty review but would serve to enhance campus awareness of programs to better address relevant issues early in development.

CONSENT AGENDA: CHANGES

- (2) ESCI 261: Introduction to Oceanography. Proposal to add MATH 151 to the list of courses that can satisfy the math prerequisite was approved without dissent.
- (3) ECON 305: Economics in Film. Proposal to add W and D labels was approved without dissent.
- (4) BIOL 346: Ornithology. Proposal to add W label was approved without dissent.
- (5) BIOL 415: Mammalogy. Proposal to add W label was approved without dissent.
- (6) GOVT 231: Introduction to Political Theory. Proposal to add G3 and W labels and DL designation was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco reminded faculty of graduation and indicated that the first Senate meeting in the spring semester will be February 2.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

None

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Provost

Dr. Prabu urged faculty to attend graduation in regalia. It was noted lower-cost regalia options would be helpful. Faculty concerns were also raised about the registration rally planned. Issues of the timing, student holds, students waiting only to take their top choice courses due to pay-per-credit, insufficient offerings, and ineffective waitlists were discussed. The balance of budget income with student demands for courses is critical and the value of being more proactive rather than reactive were key.

VII. Curricular Notices

The campus has been notified of the following proposals.

NEW UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

(1) German Studies Minor. Proposal for a new minor with additional emphasis on cultural studies.

CHANGE IN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

(2) ITEC 347: Engineering Visualization. Proposal to change title, revise description and learning outcomes, and change number.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

GERC & AOAC

Dr. Börger-Greco requested that GERC and AOAC prepare updates on General Education outcomes.

GCPRC

(1) ELPP 891: Research in Educational Leadership Part II, 3 credits. Proposal for new course.

UCPRC

Dr. Dreon reported on recertifications.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

None

XI. Other/New Business

Senator Sciarretta thanked faculty and the Counseling Center for participation with Well Student checks.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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