

Faculty Senate Minutes
February 2, 2016

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

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written without dissent.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

NEW GRADUATE COURSE

(1) ELPP 891: Research in Educational Leadership Part II, 3 credits. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.

CONSENT AGENDA: CHANGES

(2) ART 331: Book Arts, 3 credits. Proposal for studio course to explore the concept of the book as an art form was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco introduced Mr. Miles Gallagher, Director of Athletics. Mr. Gallagher noted Millersville's emphasis on the academic success of student athletes along with the positive experiences of collegiate sports.

Dr. Börger-Greco reminded faculty to save the date for commencement ceremonies on May 6 and 7. She also reported that the Curriculum Restructuring Committee recommendation to develop Area Curriculum Committees has moved to APC for action, that GERC and AOAC will update Senate on GenEd outcomes assessment on February 16, and that discussion on how study abroad fits into P and D GenEd designations will continue on March 1.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

None

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Associate Provost

Associate Provost Adams shared information on Spring Convocation with Dr. Greg Paul, the semester CAE events calendar, and the Lancaster Learns Conference. He noted that Millersville will host a meet and greet session with Dr. Marie Norman on Thursday, February 25 at noon. Faculty interested in borrowing a copy of her book *How Learning Works* may contact Dr. Adams.

Dr. Adams also reported on conversations with colleagues at IUP about technology they are using to electronically review curriculum within the wiki software we already use.

Provost

Provost Prabu reported on campus snow removal work in the wake of recent significant snowfall, stressing the balance of safety and academics and encouraged faculty to attend Convocation even if only for part of the schedule. Dr. Prabu also commented on having our base budget in place with the partial budget approval from the state but expecting there will be no additional allocations.

Dr. Mowrey and Dr. Warner brought up an issue discussed by GCPRC regarding limitations on online classes imposed on some international students. The need for awareness about how our degrees and campus practices work or conflict with these or similar issues was stressed. It was noted that campus housing has taken steps to ensure that international students are not stranded during breaks.

Dean of AHSS

Dean Umble noted that Miki Agrawal will be on campus soon as an Innovator in Residence, highlighting entrepreneurship. A Shark Tank micro-pitch competition will be also be held.

VII. Curricular Notices

The campus has been notified of the following proposals.

CHANGE IN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

- (1) PSYC 415: Physiological Psychology. Proposal to add PSYC 215 as a prerequisite.
- (2) ESCI 485: Air-Sea Interaction. Proposal to change prerequisites, dropping ESCI 364 and adding ESCI 369.
- (3) ITEC 457: Print Production Management & Cost Estimating. Proposal to change from 3 lecture hours to 2 lecture hours and 3 lab hours.
- (4) MUSI 112: Solfege Harmony and Analysis I. Proposal to remove prerequisite of MUSI 162.

- (5) MUSI 303: Latino Music in the US. Proposal to remove prerequisite of MUSI 100.
- (6) MUSI 368: International Music & Arts. Proposal to add G1 label.

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

- (7) ENGL 274: The Craft of Writing: Argumentation and Stylistics, 3 credits, G1.
Proposal for course exploring writing as a varied set of deliberate, artful choices.
- (8) ENGL 273: Writing in the Disciplines, 3 credits, G1, W. Proposal for course to examine writing across three major academic domains: sciences, social sciences, and humanities.
- (9) ART 331: Book Arts, 3 credits. Proposal for studio course to explore the concept of the book as an art form.

NEW UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

- (10) English BA, Concentration in Writing Studies. Proposal for a new concentration in the BA in English.

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

Dr. Mowrey noted that GCPRC is working on policy language regarding how to communicate and address on campus any changes made to curriculum proposals by PASSHE.

NEW GRADUATE COURSE

- (1) SOWK 710: Research Methodology, 3 credits. Proposal for a new course connecting social science theory building and research.
- (2) SOWK 730: Qualitative Analysis, 3 credits. Proposal for a new course to prepare students in qualitative study steps, data analysis, and ethics.

GRADUATE COURSE CHANGE

- (1) EMGT 693: Field Experience Practicum. Proposal to change prerequisite.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

None

XI. Election of Senate Officers

A Walsh/Robinson motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote to elect Dr. Ana Börger-Greco as Chair, Dr. Shaun Cook as Chair Pro Tempore, and Dr. Aimee Miller as Secretary for 2016-2017 was approved without dissent.

XII. Other/New Business

Senator Sciarretta announced changes in staffing for ASD, shared concerns regarding substantial numbers of freshmen in academic intervention seminars, and noted unique needs of students returning on academic probation. Mr. Sciarretta indicated that faculty advisee lists in MAX should now display updated academic status notices.

Concerns were discussed about the balance between enrollment levels needed to maintain fiscal health and admission of students underprepared for academic success. The need to better address student preparedness, motivations, and habits was stressed. Mr. Sciarretta noted that some institutions hire non-faculty staff to serve as academic coaches to help address related issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

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