

Faculty Senate Minutes  
September 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Interdisciplinary Studies, Management & Marketing, and Music.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

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

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

**NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE**

- (1) ART 494: Studio Capstone: Thematic Exploration in the Visual Arts, 3 credits. Proposal for course intended for majors to serve as capstone focused on rotating themes.
- (2) PYSC 357: Neuropsychology, 3 credits. Proposal for course to introduce field of human neuropsychology was approved without dissent.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- (3) English, Minor in Print Media Studies. Proposal to change name to Journalism was approved without dissent.
- (4) Government & Political Affairs. Proposal to change requirements for admission to the major and completion of the major was approved without dissent.

**UNDERGRADUATE POLICY**

- (5) Credit-Bearing Internship Program document. Proposal to update language and modify common guidelines along with amended language was approved without dissent.

A Walsh/Saunders motion to amend document to include references as needed to School/College Deans was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco reminded willing faculty to contact her to participate in the Special Committee to consider curriculum review bodies and representation within the new college structure.

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 a successful Day of Caring event with about 650 students participating and that the BOG will soon consider the Automation & Intelligent Robotics and Doctorate of Nursing Practice degrees. He also reminded faculty of the upcoming Dream Scholarship ride on September 19.

**Associate Provost**

Dr. Adams encouraged faculty participation in CAE events.

**Dean of Graduate Studies & Adult Learning**

Dr. DeSantis announced extended staffing hours for the IT Help Desk to enhance support for online students and faculty during weekend and evening hours.

VII. Curricular Notices

The campus has been notified of the following proposals.

**NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSE**

- (1) COMM 324: Producing for Digital Media, 3 credits. Proposal for new course to provide career ready digital media producing experience.
- (2) ENGL 336: Non-Western Literature, 3 credits, G1, W, D. Proposal for new course to introduce students to non-Western literary traditions.
- (3) GOVT 455: US-Mid East Foreign Relations, 3 credits, W. Proposal for new course on US foreign relations in the Mid-East.
- (4) GOVT 421: Democratic Transitions and Trends, 3 credits, W. Proposal for new course to provide in-depth study of democratization process.

**CHANGE IN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE**

- (5) DESN 144, 240, 244, 246, 247, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 347, 348, 349, 375, 444, 446, 447, 493. Proposal to change subject abbreviation from ART.

(6) ENGL 313: Fundamentals of Journalism. Proposal to remove AW label.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

**GCPRC**

Dr. Mowrey reminded faculty of the Graduate Open House planned for October 8 and urged them to inform current students to consider opportunities to continue studies on campus.

**NEW GRADUATE CURRICULUM**

(1) Emergency Management: Emergency and Disaster Management Graduate Certificate. Proposal for new certificate program to study management of emergency and disaster situations.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

A Zimmerman/Robinson motion that Dr. Deborah T. Castellucci be granted the honorary title of Professor of Nursing Emerita was approved without dissent.

A Colabucci/Zimmerman motion that Dr. Mary Ann Gray-Schlegel be granted the honorary title of Professor of Early, Middle, and Exceptional Education Emerita was approved without dissent.

XI. Elections

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

XII. Other/New Business

Faculty concerned about teaching loads were encouraged to attend APSCUF Rep Council to discuss.

Senator Joe Sciarretta commented on some productive action in response to Well Student Check requests, reminding faculty that this program is about overall wellness and may be relevant for any student even with good academic performance. He thanked Student Affairs for their efforts to address student issues. Mr. Sciarretta also noted that MU Bridges information will be announced soon to promote advisor interactions for students below a 2.0 GPA.

*The Snapper* announced a new faculty advisor, Dr. Robert Spicer, and its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary to be celebrated with a reunion during Homecoming.

Faculty were encouraged to participate in the campus Multicultural Showcase to highlight diversity on the MU campus, including judging food, presentation quality, and educational value for participating groups.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller  
Faculty Senate Secretary

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