

**Faculty Senate Minutes  
February 21, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Academic Advisement & Student Development, Accounting & Finance, Athletics, Early, Middle & Exceptional Education, Government & Political Affairs, and Physics.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the February 7, 2017 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

**NEW GRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS**

- (1) ENGL 630: Studies in American Ethnic Literature Since 1945, 3 credits. Proposal for new course to study representative literary works of various ethnic groups in contemporary America was approved without dissent.

**NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS**

- (2) BIOL 329: Plant-Insect Interactions, 3 credits. Proposal for new course on chemical and biological interactions between plants and insects was approved without dissent.
- (3) BIOL 442: Wildlife Ecology & Management, 3 credits. Proposal for new course on how wildlife ecology, history, policy, and statistics shape wildlife management decisions was approved without dissent.

**CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS**

- (4) ART 141: Fundamentals in Studio Art. Proposal to place this course in moratorium and replace with ART 128 was approved without dissent.
- (5) BIOL 418: Aquatic Entomology. Proposal to revise course number, prerequisites, and description was approved without dissent.

**CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE POLICY**

- (6) Revised Study Abroad policy was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Chair Börger-Greco welcomed Laura Lebo, visiting graduate student in nursing studying academic organization and process.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

Mr. Aaron Jaffe introduced the new president of the Student Senate, Kiefer Luckenbill. Mr. Jaffe reported on the Sustainability Committee, reviews of club and operations requests, and upcoming visit of Jane Elliott.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

**President**

President Anderson announced Advocacy Day coming up in Harrisburg, noting an overlap with Made in Millersville, and that Marie Harf will speak at commencement.

**Provost**

Provost Prabhu commented on new insights regarding student information relevant to those with F, J, and M visas compared to FERPA protections. He highlighted an increase in students completing II/IS credits and presenting at MIM, stressing our commitment to student research as a high-impact educational practice.

**Associate Provost**

Associate Provost Adams announced February 23, 2018 as the next Lancaster Learns conference date and requested volunteers from faculty to help test the online workflow entry process.

**Deans**

Dean DeSantis gave an update on online programs, announcing Dr. Janice Moore as Interim Director of Online Programs. Highlights included various new and growing programs, participation in the SARA network, contracting with Examy for certified test proctoring, template construction for online offerings, expanded Help Desk hours, and the move of Instructional Design into Academic Affairs. Dean DeSantis noted a need for a broader set of general education courses to be available online and encouraged faculty to consider offerings that might be developed.

Dean Umble encouraged faculty to attend the range of upcoming arts programs and events on campus.

**Assistant Vice President**

Dr. Baldwin thanked faculty for participating in the first session of early alert notices and noted ongoing reports would be reviewed weekly. She encouraged faculty to take advantage of this opportunity to contribute to improving student success.

## VII. Curricular Notices

### **NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS**

- (1) MATH 234: Statistics for the Health Sciences, 4 credits, G2, DL. Proposal for new course tailored to nursing education.
- (2) WSSD 492: Seminar in Sport Science, 1-3 credits. Proposal for a capstone course.
- (3) WSSD 410: International Sport Issues and Industry Tour, 3 credits, P. Proposal for a course to introduce global sport-related issues, organizations, and industries through study abroad.
- (4) WSSD 375: Prevention and Care of Athletic Injuries, 3 credits. Proposal for a course covering basics of prevention, recognition, care, assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries to physically-active populations.
- (5) ECON 355: Economics of Sex, Drugs, and Religion, 3 credits, G3, P. Proposal for a course that applies consumer theory, firm theory, and market failure to the economics of social issues via the broad topics of sex, drugs, and religion.

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- (6) ITEC 435: Manufacturing Enterprise. Proposal to modify prerequisites.
- (7) BS Math, Actuarial Science. Proposal to change required courses.

## VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

### **UHCC**

Dr. Haines introduced recommended changes to the Honors College curriculum to better align with a range of degree programs. Key are reducing required honors credits, retaining the written thesis, requiring more explicit rigor and engagement be reflected in honors course syllabi, and specifying a one-semester HC probation before students are dropped from the program. A concern was raised about the 22 credits not fitting a 3-credit course model, but it was noted that many honors courses are 1-credit seminars. Though a minimum number of honors courses are not required, there is a fixed core of courses.

### **APC**

Senator Adyanga and Dr. Adams explained recommended changes in language related to allowing students to earn an Associate's degree even if they continue on to complete a Bachelor's degree in the same field. The change would allow more degrees to be awarded which impacts our performance funding. A request by APC to waive the two-meeting

rule for consideration of the Associate Degree Programs, Second Baccalaureate Degree Requirements, and Second Majors policies was approved without dissent. Language updates to APC to the Associate Degree Programs, Second Baccalaureate Degree Requirements, and Second Majors policies were approved without dissent.

**GCPRC**

Dr. Mowrey reminded faculty of the Graduate Open House on March 2. She also announced that Social Work will be bringing course proposals to the next meeting and requesting a waiver of the two-meeting rule. Senators will be notified when the proposals are available for review.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

None

XI. Election of Senate Officers

A Börger-Greco/Wagner motion to close nominations and elect Dr. Kathleen Walsh as Chairperson, Dr. Shaun Cook as Chair Pro-Tempore, and Dr. Aimee Miller as Secretary was approved without dissent.

XII. Other/New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller  
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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