

Faculty Senate Minutes
November 1, 2016

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

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

CHANGE TO UNDERGRADUATE POLICY

Discussion was held regarding the proposed language defining Area Curriculum Committees and updated Undergraduate Curriculum Approval Process. Several clarifications were recommended to APC, including addition of Step 8 to report back any substantive changes made to curriculum during PASSHE review and ensuring that proposals do not end up orphaned. Concern was raised about whether department chairs would be the only way proposal could leave a department. Since proposals will be put into the electronic system for review, there is substantial transparency in whether curricular matters are being moved forward. Some departments have a curriculum committee while others review proposals as a whole, so some flexibility may be helpful. It was noted that PASSHE is making some changes to curriculum review and our review process for new program proposals should clearly integrate those expectations.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

None

IV. Report of the Student Senate

Mr. James Duncan shared about a recent \$2500 donation to Campus Cupboard, work on a textbook grant, and support for post-season championship play. Faculty requested to hear more about how students apply for textbook grants.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Provost

Provost Prabhu was asked to consider having the Educator of the Year on the platform for better visibility during graduation and will speak to the organizing committee. There was also a suggestion of more ways to have faculty participate in the graduation ceremony. A question of providing some sort of monetary award for Educator of the Year was raised. Such a gift would have to be raised from private funds. Dr. Prabhu recommended establishing an endowment that would provide a consistent award rather than the suggested of an annually collected donation. Concern was raised about the WiFi whitelist limitation to university-owned devices since many faculty use their own devices in the classroom. Dr. Prabhu noted related discussions are underway but security issues are a key concern.

Associate Provost

Associate Provost Adams and Dr. Dreon announced the Lancaster Learns conference scheduled at Elizabethtown College on February 24 with Dr. James Lang as keynote speaker. They encouraged faculty to present or attend.

VII. Curricular Notices

NEW GRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) ELPP 897: Dissertation Seminar, Educational Leadership, 3 credits. Proposal for new course.
- (2) ELPP 898: Dissertation I, Educational Leadership, 3 credits. Proposal for new course.
- (3) ELPP 899: Dissertation II, Educational Leadership, 3 credits. Proposal for new course.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

GCPRC

Dr. Mowrey reported that revised forms and documents for dissertation applications are available.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

None

XI. Other/New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Action Summary:

The minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.