

**Faculty Senate Minutes
October 18, 2016**

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

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the October 4, 2016 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

NEW GRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) SOWK 775: Dissertation Seminar, 3 credits. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (2) THEA 2XX: Theatre Production Practicum, 1 credit. Proposal for new course to provide students experiential learning necessary to support theatre production activity was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Dr. James Pannafino reported on progress developing the electronic workflow program to be used for curriculum review. This is a plug-in to the current Wiki platform, is being set up for undergraduate curriculum, but does not yet address MDST programs. A substantial cost savings is being accomplished by way of intense faculty contributions to implementation. There is a need for faculty willing to submit proposals to the system in the spring as test cases.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

None

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

None

VII. Curricular Notices

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) ART 128: Art Integration, 3 credits, G1. Proposal for new course to provide education students with a theoretical and practical knowledge base about art and its role in learning.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (2) ART 141: Fundamentals in Studio Art. Proposal to place this course in moratorium and replace with ART 128.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

Educator of Year

Dr. Börger-Greco reported the committee is working to increase greater involvement on nominations from campus and beyond. The library plaque is in place and parking space has been assigned. There is some interest in providing some sort of financial incentive.

APC

Dr. Adyanga and Dr. Geiger summarized proposals from APC defining the Area Curriculum Committees (ACCs) based on recent restructuring and clarification of the Undergraduate Curriculum Approval Process. The role of TEC for courses impacting teacher education is mentioned but not addressed directly. Department experimental courses are increased to two per year. Interdisciplinary programs will function like a department with the director as chair, but proposals will be reviewed by all ACCs that participate in the program. There is an option for flagging changes to promote discussion between proposers and reviewers. Dr. Geiger was thanked for his substantial work in revising the process description. Concerns were discussed related to limits on submissions during months when review is not active. It was noted that the ACCs function for graduate curriculum review as well.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

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XI. Other/New Business

Dr. Adams described the new policy requiring reporting of the last date of attendance when assigning any students a failing (F or Z) grade. This is necessary to be in compliance with federal regulations on financial aid funding. Faculty were encouraged to use assignment markers to determine the last date of engagement in a course rather than feeling obligated to take attendance.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Faculty Senate Secretary

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