

Faculty Senate Minutes
October 4, 2016

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

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

None

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco reported all campus committee seats but one have been filled for the year.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

Student Senate President Justin Pierre shared that a Town Hall would be held to discuss the potential faculty strike. He encouraged students to participate and invited faculty or administration to attend.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Provost

Provost Prabhu expressed the hope for contract negotiations to be resolved with a fair agreement. He noted plans to attend an upcoming BOG meeting, directed students to FAQs on the PASSHE website, and stated intentions to minimize disruptions to students' academics.

Associate Provost

Associate Provost Adams noted great support from IT for developing the electronic workflow process for curriculum review.

APSCUF

Dr. David encouraged faculty to read student comments on the Facebook event hosted for them by Chancellor Brogan.

VII. Curricular Notices

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) ITEC 348: Green Building and Sustainable Systems, 3 credits. Proposal for new course to study fundamentals of green building and sustainable energy technologies and their dynamic costs and benefits.
- (2) HIST 218: Humans and the Environment, 3 credits, G3, W. Proposal for new course to introduce environmental history in Europe and the Americas from 1500 to present.
- (3) HIST 225: Germany, 1945 to Present, 3 credits, G3. Proposal for new course to examine transformation of Germany from the end of World War II to the present post-reunification Germany.
- (4) ANTH 336: Language and Communication, 3 credits, G3. Proposal for new course to examine language as human's primary means of communication.
- (5) ANTH 326: Anthropology of Religion, 3 credits, G3. Proposal for new course with anthropological exploration of human religious diversity.
- (6) ANTH 327: Urban Anthropology, 3 credits, G3. Proposal for new course focused on the social and cultural dynamics of humans living within large, dense city environments.
- (7) THEA 2XX: Theatre Production Practicum, 1 credit. Proposal for new course to provide students experiential learning necessary to support theatre production activity.
- (8) Undergraduate Certificate in Marketing. Proposal for a 15-credit certificate program.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (9) ITEC 281: Metallic Materials and Production Methods. Proposal to change title and update description and outcomes.
- (10) ITEC 382: Automated Manufacturing. Proposal to change title, reduce prerequisites, and update description and outcomes.
- (11) BS AETM Construction Technology. Proposal to change course requirements.
- (12) AT AETE Construction Technology. Proposal to change course requirements.

- (13) Construction Technology minor. Proposal to change course requirements.
- (14) General Technology minor. Proposal to change course requirements.
- (15) BS AETM General Technology. Proposal to change course requirements.
- (16) PSYC 329: Industrial/Organizational Psychology. Proposal to add prerequisites.
- (17) HIST 453: Indians and Colonists in PA, 1682-1789. Proposal to change title and update description and outcomes.
- (18) BA Anthropology. Proposal to update curriculum to reflect recent course offerings.
- (19) SOCY 317: Medical Sociology. Proposal to change title.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

GCPRC

Dr. Mowrey reported that GCPRC is looking to integrate graduate curriculum review into the electronic workflow system. She also highlighted the upcoming Graduate Open House on October 5.

NEW GRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) SOWK 775: Dissertation Seminar, 3 credits. Proposal for new course.

UCPRC

Dr. Dreon noted recertifications should be done for departments undergoing program review. Checklists are available on the GenEd website and can be submitted directly to Dr. Dreon.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

A Börger-Greco/Hutto motion that Dr. Leroy Hopkins be granted the honorary title of Professor of Foreign Languages Emeritus was approved without dissent.

XI. Common Hour

Discussion was held regarding the Common Hour implementation last year. Points of

discussion included:

- Many students seem unaware. Common Hour could use more promotion.
- Departments have some enthusiasm and some frustrations. Substantial indifference was also noted.
- Meetings for both faculty and students are being scheduled in the time.
- Given the time frame, it is difficult to get to/from classes that are immediately after/before the time. Students with disabilities are especially at a disadvantage.
- Lab scheduling makes it difficult to take advantage of the opportunity.
- Difficult to evaluate value after only one year. Should be further discussed after this year.
- Having all CAE events scheduled in the Tuesday time means faculty with conflicts cannot attend any events.
- There is some overlap of meetings all being scheduled in the slot.
- Suggestion to consider using a regular class block with standard between class gaps to allow travel time. This would also return classes to less awkward times.
- Some students like having the time to eat with friends.
- Other options for scheduling it could be explored. A later time might work better. Evening times are less convenient for commuting students.

The Joint Senate Conference was charged with reviewing it again this year.

XII. Other/New Business

An interest was expressed in exploring issues relevant to campus mobility issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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