

Faculty Senate Minutes
September 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Accounting & Finance.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written with one abstention.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) MATH 070: Essential Mathematics, 3 credits. Proposal for new course focused on computational and problem-solving skills for students in Career and Life Studies program (not for college credit) was approved without dissent.
- (2) PSYC327: Advanced Lab in Developmental Science, 4 credits. Proposal for new course to examine advanced topics in developmental psychology was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Faculty Senate Chair Börger-Greco led introductions and announced Senate meeting dates for 2016-17. She also reminded chairs of standing committees of their responsibility to attend Senate and encouraged college curriculum committees to attend as well.

Chairs of Senate committees were asked to review the Faculty Senate website for updated membership rosters for this academic year.

Senator Cook shared results from the survey of faculty indicating substantial dissatisfaction with the Common Hour. Student Senate President Justin Pierre noted that student feedback from a similar survey suggested indifference. Senator Dreon reported that CAE sessions scheduled last year during Tuesday Common Hour had similar average attendance per session but more unique participants in the programs overall. Additional discussion among administration, faculty, and students regarding Common Hour seems warranted.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

Student Senate President Justin Pierre reported on development of a funding model to help support post-season play for student athletes.

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

President

President Anderson invited faculty to attend convocation on Friday, September 9 when he will be highlighting student and faculty achievements across campus.

Provost

Provost Prabhu announced a PASSHE STEM research conference to be hosted by Millersville on Saturday, November 5.

Associate Provost

Associate Provost Adams reminded faculty of the CAE event calendar and the new Early Alert system for faculty to periodically notify staff of students struggling with academics or class attendance. It was noted this is available in MAX, does not replace the Well Student Check which triggers more immediate responses to acute care needs, and integrates reporting on student athletes. Dr. Adams also reported on progress towards moving our online curriculum review process into an electronic environment that tracks feedback and provides electronic signatures. He noted Dr. Dreon, Dr. Pannafino, and Dr. Geiger are assisting with its development.

Dean

Dean Jackson invited students to participate in the PASSHE STEM research conference to be hosted by Millersville on Saturday, November 5. He announced a September 30 deadline for the application and noted that the registration costs for MU students and faculty will be funded by MU. It was noted that graduate students are also welcome to participate.

APSCUF

Dr. David provided updates on negotiations, the upcoming strike authorization vote, and an opportunity to help students with voter registration.

VII. Curricular Notices

No notifications were distributed since the last Senate meeting. Dr. Adams noted that weekly notifications would be sent out on Mondays rather than Fridays.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

None

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

None

XI. Other/New Business

None

XII. Elections

A third round of elections with designated representation was conducted. Previous nominations were distributed and the floor opened for additional nominations. An A. Miller/Börger-Greco motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for each unopposed candidate was approved without dissent.

An at-large election was conducted to select one-year members regardless of college or department affiliation. Previous nominations were distributed and the floor opened for additional nominations. An A. Miller/Cook motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for each unopposed at-large candidate was approved without dissent.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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