

Faculty Senate Minutes February 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Accounting & Finance, Communication & Theatre, Counseling & Human Development, Interdisciplinary Studies, and Sociology & Anthropology.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written with one abstention.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

Senator Walsh noted efforts to double-check that all pre-CAP proposals have been approved. She also reported that changes to interdisciplinary programs or courses can be reviewed simultaneously by relevant ACCs in CAP but not have concurrent approval at this time.

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) BUAD 374: Leadership, 3 credits. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.
- (2) HIST 286: Modern War, Revolution, and Terrorism, 3 credits, G3. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.
- (3) PHIL 120: Introduction to Ethics, 3 credits, G1. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (4) ECON 307: Environmental Economics. Proposal to change course number and prerequisites was approved without dissent.
- (5) GEOG 305: Energy Sustainability: A Geographic Perspective. Proposal to change the course title and description and reduce prerequisites was approved without dissent.
- (6) Early Childhood/Middle Level programs. Proposal to replace SPED 312 with SPED 101 as introductory special education course was approved without dissent.
- (7) Women's and Gender Studies minor. Proposal to change name of the program was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Chair Walsh reported on the presidential search, encouraging senators to attend open forums with candidates.

IV. Report of the APSCUF President

President K. Smith noted some issues under review related to the undergraduate curriculum review process, including evaluations in experimental courses. He also reported on plans to conduct tenure review electronically in fall 2018 and promotion in 2019 and indicated that volunteers are needed to spend some time working with the system to aid evaluation.

V. Report of the Student Senate

Student Senate Chair Lukenbill reported on the Big Event community service project planned for late March (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBK2h7g1UeuJzf70dMi_6-GdojMYVB2hoM4hSWzlhahVzfeg/viewform?usp=sf_link). Opportunities for graduate students to obtain funding and better connect with campus student governance are being discussed. A question was raised about needs at the Campus Cupboard and how faculty can contribute (<http://campuscupboard.strikingly.com/>).

VI. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VII. Report of the Administrative Officers

Acting Associate Provost

Acting Associate Provost DeSantis reported on changes to new program review at PASSHE that will help expedite approvals and noted several new Millersville programs approved recently. Concern was raised about elimination of programs that are considered low-enrollment yet provide an important option for some students to complete their degree without requiring any extra resources within a department. Dr. DeSantis also pointed out the range of administrative positions currently in the search stage and encouraged faculty input. He also reminded faculty that failing to provide a last date of attendance for students not passing courses has substantial legal and financial repercussions for us as an institution. Registrar Hutchinson noted that a warning is displayed if these aren't provided along with final grades submission but that faculty may not always realize some grades aren't being saved. It was suggested that we rethink some ways to better inform faculty or facilitate the reporting to reduce errors.

Dean

Dean Jackson announced the Made in Millersville event scheduled for April 17 and encouraged submissions to present or serve as reviewers.

VIII. Curricular Notices

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- (1) ESCI 424: Geology Assessment Exam, 1 credit. Proposal for new course.
- (2) Business, General Business option (2+2 completion). Proposal for new 2+2 structure using existing, DL-approved courses for online completion of a business degree beginning with an associate's degree in business.

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- (3) ENGL 317: Editing for Publication. Proposal to update course description and add G1 label.
- (4) CSCI 330: Programming Languages. Proposal to change title, revise learning outcomes, and add pre/co-requisite.
- (5) SPED 311: Design and Implementation of Instruction. Proposal to add W label.
- (6) Psychology: retention in major policy. Proposal to extend review window through junior year (89.5 credits).
- (7) ESCI 421: Advanced Geology. Proposal to reduce course to 2 credits, modify course description, course structure, and learning outcomes.
- (8) ESCI 343: Atmospheric Dynamics II. Proposal to change course description.
- (9) BS Geology. Proposal to revise courses in curriculum.
- (10) BS Geology, Environmental Geology option. Proposal to revise courses in curriculum.
- (11) BA Earth Sciences, Geology option. Proposal to revise courses in curriculum.
- (12) BUAD 358: Management Science. Proposal to change prerequisites.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

GCPRC

Dr. Mowrey indicated some changes will be recommended regarding graduate level academic appeals to better accommodate timing for students taking winter or summer courses. She also announced a Graduate Programs Open House on March 6, including an optional pre-registration available online.

X. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

XI. Faculty Emeriti

None

XII. Elections

An A. Miller/Hutto motion to elect Senator Kathleen Walsh as Faculty Senate Chairperson for 2018-2019 was approved without dissent.

An A. Miller/Robinson motion to elect Senator Shaun Cook as Faculty Senate Chairperson Pro-Tempore for 2018-2019 was approved without dissent.

A Walsh/Snyder motion to elect Senator Aimee Miller as Faculty Senate Secretary for 2018-2019 was approved without dissent.

There were no nominations for an open seat on GERC for Spring 2018. An A. Miller/Dreon motion to allow GERC to identify and appoint a member to serve during Spring 2018 was approved without dissent.

XIII. New Business

Dr. Lisa Shibley and Dr. Kim Mahaffy reported on results from the Campus Climate survey, noting 35% of faculty participated. Of particular note was the potential role for faculty to play in addressing exclusionary behavior observed among students. Faculty were informed that Green Dot training on bystander intervention will be provided on campus in the fall.

Senator Sciarretta reported that the Early Warning Initiative is expected to be available soon through MAX. He encouraged faculty to engage in this reporting option or other direct approaches that help direct students to support mechanisms, noting 9-12% of freshman from the fall did not return for spring classes.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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