

Faculty Senate Minutes
March 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Accounting & Finance, Educational Foundations, History, Interdisciplinary Studies, and Sociology & Anthropology.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) ESCI 424: Geology Assessment Exam, 1 credit. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

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- (3) ESCI 343: Atmospheric Dynamics II. Proposal to change course description was approved without dissent.
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- (5) BS Geology. Proposal to revise courses in curriculum was approved without dissent.
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III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Chair Walsh urged faculty to provide feedback on the president candidates and announced activities related to International Women's Day. She also asked senators to track their department's proposals in CAP and notify her of any discrepancies during the approval process. A request was made for accuracy in documents posted online and clear mechanisms for making updates to be reviewed once the website migration is completed.

Dr. Walsh reminded senators that elections for 2018-2021 representation from AEST, ARTD, ATHL, BIOL, COMT, CNHD, EDFN, EMEE, ENGL, GEOG, and LIBR should be conducted soon.

IV. Report of the APSCUF President

President K. Smith reminded faculty of the APSCUF mid-semester social.

V. Report of the Student Senate

None

VI. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VII. Report of the Administrative Officers

Provost

Provost Prabhu emphasized the critical role of faculty reporting student attendance at key points in the semester to satisfy federal regulations related to financial aid. Use of Z grades, the relevance of the 10-week or semester 60% point, ways to track activity or attendance in classes, and options for clear communication with faculty were discussed. Dr. Prabhu noted that the online Early Alert system might serve to also allow faculty to report non-attendance for students. Mr. Sciarretta noted the need for this to be operate independently from the Early Alert notification that triggers follow-up intervention. It was noted that accommodations would be needed for both academic freedom and federal compliance.

Acting Associate Provost

Acting Associate Provost DeSantis reminded faculty of spring convocation, Graduate Open House, Admitted Student Expo, and the annual assessment luncheon. A request was made for the administration to be more flexible when selecting a weather delay time to allow sufficient time for better clearing of parking lots and sidewalks on campus.

Dean

Dean Jackson welcomed departments to encourage alumni or friends to serve as Made in Millersville reviewers as well as faculty, staff, and administrators. He also thanked faculty for their participation in administrative searches.

VIII. Curricular Notices

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) BA Entertainment Technology. Proposal for curriculum defining a new degree program.
- (2) GEOG 296: GIS II: Raster Data Analysis, 3 credits, DL. Proposal for a new course.
- (3) GEOG 397: GIS Data Management, 3 credits, DL. Proposal for a new course.
- (4) GEOG 396: GIS Modeling, 3 credits, DL. Proposal for a new course.
- (5) THEA 310: Costume for Stage and Media, 3 credits. Proposal for new course.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (6) Art History minor. Proposal to update and expand elective courses within the degree.
- (7) BDES. Proposal to modify course requirements within the degree.
- (8) WSSD 485: Performance Enhancement: Mental Training in Sport. Proposal to offer in DL format.
- (9) WSSD 410: International Sport Issues and Industry Tour. Proposal to change pre-requisites.
- (10) GEOG 343: Latin America and the Carribean. Proposal to change the title, description, pre-requisites, and offer in DL format.
- (11) GEOG 395: GIS for Web Development. Proposal to change the title, course credits, learning outcomes, and offer in DL format.
- (12) CHEM 104: General, Organic and Biochemistry 2. Proposal to change the pre-requisites.
- (13) ITEC 425: Industrial Robotic Systems. Proposal to change the course description and learning outcomes.
- (14) BA Geography, Global Studies option. Proposal to redesign the curriculum of the degree.
- (15) ENGL 472: Digital Portfolio. Proposal to change name and update course description.
- (16) GEOG 230: Physical Geography, G2, DL. Proposal to change to G2 designation and offer course in DL format.
- (17) GEOG 295: GIS I: Vector Data Analysis, G2, DL. Proposal to change title, add G2 label, and offer course in DL format.
- (18) BA English, Writing Studies option. Proposal to update courses in the curriculum.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

GCPRC

Dr. Mowrey announced that some graduate programs will no longer include an advanced degree candidacy requirement and the change will be reflected in the next catalog.

NEW GRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) NURS 515: Advanced Nursing Practice Clinical Practicum, 3 credits, DL. Proposal for a new course.

CHANGES TO GRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (2) MS Nursing, Nurse Educator track. Proposal to add a course to the program.
- (3) SOWK 610: Advanced Micro Practice and Assessment. Proposal to change the course title, description, and learning outcomes.
- (4) SOWK 620: Advanced Practice with Groups and Families. Proposal to change the course title, description, and learning outcomes.

GERC

Senator Baker noted that since some departments may now offer courses in more than one General Education block, GERC will propose expansion of the limitation that students may count no more than two courses from a single department to apply across all G1/G2/G3 areas.

EYASC

Senator Robinson noted that the call for nominations for the Educator of the Year Award has gone out but later than usual. A Saunders/Goksu motion that the EYA Selection Committee consider 2016-17 nominees, after confirming their interest, along with new nominations for the 2017-18 award was approved without dissent.

X. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

XI. Faculty Emeriti

None

XII. New Business

Dr. Walsh recommended the new Ville Schedule Builder, available for students in MAX, be discussed in spring advisement meetings.

Senator Sciarretta reported Early Warning contacts are underway.

Faculty were reminded that pre-requisites are not enforced for summer registrations. This is due to more transient students taking summer courses. Concerns were raised about the value of departments checking all enrollments manually versus encouraging non-MU students to contact instructors directly for approval to enroll.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

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