

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**November 7, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Counseling & Human Development and Interdisciplinary Studies.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

**NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS**

- (1) ENGL: Creative Writing & Publishing minor. Proposal to establish the curriculum for a new minor was approved without dissent.
- (2) BS Business Administration, General Business option. Proposal establishing the curriculum and policies for a new option was approved without dissent.

**CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS**

- (3) GEOG 499: Honors Thesis. Proposal to change course description was approved without dissent.
- (4) GEOG 488: Senior Thesis. Proposal to make course variable credit was approved without dissent.
- (5) GEOG 489: Honors Independent Study. Proposal to change course description was approved without dissent.
- (6) BS Computer Science. Proposal to include ENGL 319: Science Writing as an option for the AW course was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Chair Walsh summarized departments with representatives willing to serve on a Special Committee to address internship structures and costs. Others interested should contact Dr. Walsh. She also reported on a successful social justice event held recently, including establishment of a scholarship in the name of Dr. Rita Smith Wade-El. Dr. Walsh also shared that CCERP is recruiting students as Walker Fellows.

Dr. Walsh encouraged faculty to participate in regalia at the December graduation. She also reminded senators that curricular approvals or other time-sensitive business for our November 21 meeting will be conducted electronically if possible.

IV. Report of the APSCUF President

President K. Smith reminded faculty of voting to be held on the one-year contract, a visit by State APSCUF President Mash on November 28, and an expected time frame of late January or early February for campus visits by president finalists.

V. Report of the Student Senate

Student Senate Chair Lukenbill noted organizational reform being done to improve Senate effectiveness in representing students on campus. He also announced plans for a community services day to encourage community involvement.

VI. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VII. Report of the Administrative Officers

**President**

President Anderson announced that Lancaster Mayor Rick Gray will deliver the commencement address, Barry Kornhauser has been named Artist of the Year by the Governor's Arts Award program, and MU has received the HEED award for demonstrating commitment to diversity and inclusion.

**Provost**

Provost Prabhu noted the upcoming session hosted by MU regarding the opioid epidemic.

**Registrar**

Ms. Hutchinson reminded faculty that registration will open to all students after this week and the Registration Rally will be held November 21.

VIII. Curricular Notices

**NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS**

- (1) PHIL 220: Existentialism, 3 credits, G1. Proposal for new course.
- (2) BUAD 374: Leadership, 3 credits. Proposal for new course.

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- (3) ECON 307: Environmental Economics. Proposal to change course number and prerequisites.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

**GCPRC**

**NEW GRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS**

- (4) SCCN 625: Ethics and Law in School Counseling, 3 credits, DL. Proposal for new course.
- (5) Post-Graduate Certification, Expressive Arts. Proposal for new 15-credit program.

**CHANGES TO GRADUATE POLICY**

- (6) Graduate Degree Candidacy. Proposal to allow programs to outline their process for reviewing candidacy.

**UCPRC**

Senator Dreon discussed the role of UCPRC in evaluating GenEd labels and resolving concerns about proposals not unanimously approved in area curriculum committees. The subcommittee structure with representation from UCPRC and GERC to recommend P/D/W/DL/FYI labels was reviewed. It was noted that recertifications are done along with a department's 5-year review cycle. Concerns were raised by departments, particularly Nursing, that online courses with P and D labels are being expected to have a synchronous component in order to meet the goals of these labels. Discussion was held about diverse instructional designs that could satisfy the definitions as outlined without necessarily being synchronous. With the expansion of DL offerings that carry GenEd labels, the current language appears to contain inadequate clarity about how GenEd goals are met. UCPRC and GERC were directed to bring forward language that more clearly outlines the expectations being applied to meeting P and D definitions in online courses.

X. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

XI. Faculty Emeriti

A Robinson/Hutto motion that Professor Robert Andriulli be granted the honorary title of Professor of Art & Design Emeritus was approved without dissent.

A Zhang/Robinson motion that Dr. Robert Carballo be granted the honorary title of Professor of English Emeritus was approved without dissent.

XII. New Business

Associate Vice President for Information Technology, Ms. Nancy Pruskowski, summarized communications between IT and campus constituents. She emphasized the importance of submitting help tickets to track issues and resolutions and pointed out the

Systems Status link on the logins website. A question was raised about help tickets being marked resolved when the user does not yet agree with that status. Ms. Pruskowski recommended resubmitting if problems persist. Despite lacking a night time supervisor, a longer portion of the day is being covered by scheduling current employees across a wider time frame. Urgent help is offered during night for issues that impact the whole campus but not for individuals. She recommended that faculty advocate for enhanced IT support to the Provost and Cabinet. Ms. Pruskowski also noted the cost of storage of D2L courses was the impetus for purging older courses and reminded faculty of ways to archive materials or recover content prior to course deletion.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller  
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

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