

Faculty Senate Minutes
October 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Athletics and Interdisciplinary Studies.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) ESCI 345: Atmospheric Radiative Transfer. Proposal for course about how atmospheric radiation interacts with atmospheric constituents and the land and ocean surfaces was approved without dissent.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

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- (3) ESCI 340: Cloud Physics and Precipitation Processes. Proposal to change title, description, and course topics was approved without dissent.
- (4) BS Meteorology. Proposal to update course options was approved without dissent.

CHANGES TO GRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (5) ACTE 635: Instructional and Curricular Design for Online, Blended and Customized Instruction. Proposal to change the course title and remove prerequisites was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Chair Walsh shared a summary from the recent visit of Interim PASSHE Chancellor, Dr. Karen Whitney to MU. Dr. Whitney will soon be sharing goals for her time of service, including focusing on student success, capitalizing on campus strengths, and reviewing the value of the many campus reports submitted to PASSHE.

Dr. Walsh also announced an October 23 event to promote social justice initiatives on campus.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

None

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

Provost

Provost Prabhu highlighted the upcoming International Policy Conference with a focus on immigration issues. He noted PASSHE is considering ways to address student needs in light of recent changes in federal policy. A concern was raised about raising awareness and providing alternatives for students encountering difficulties with needs like housing during breaks, especially for students without family support.

Associate Provost

Associate Provost Adams encouraged attendance at the Honors & Awards Ceremony on October 28, especially faculty invited specifically by students. He also highlighted the Universal Design workshop planned by CAE to review how instructional practices can be adapted to meet a wider range of student needs for learning.

Dean

Dean Umble announced the Christie Lecture to be given by Dr. Howard F. Chang as part of the International Policy Conference.

VII. Curricular Notices

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) Social Work: Social Justice minor. Proposal to establish the curriculum for a new minor.
- (2) SOCY 337: Gender and the Law, 3 credit, G3. Proposal for new course.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (3) GEOG 499: Honors Thesis. Proposal to change course description.
- (4) GEOG 292: Quantitative and Spatial Analysis. Proposal to add G2 label.
- (5) GEOG 488: Senior Thesis. Proposal to make course variable credit.
- (6) GEOG 489: Honors Independent Study. Proposal to change course description.
- (7) GEOG 305: Energy Sustainability: A Geographic Perspective. Proposal to change the course title and description and reduce prerequisites.
- (8) BS Computer Science. Proposal to include ENGL 319: Science Writing as an option for the AW course.

- (9) BA International Studies. Proposal to redefine the courses within the program and adjust policies for completion.
- (10) International Studies minor. Proposal to redefine the courses within the program and adjust policies for completion.

VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

CoopEd Comm

Dr. Robyn Davis reported that the Cooperative Education Committee would like a Special Senate Committee be formed to address issues recently discussed regarding internships. The committee requested specifically that administrative representatives from Finance, Advancement, and Enrollment Management join faculty representatives in developing proposals to enhance student accessibility. Chair Walsh will explore details related to establishing this body.

UCPRC

Senator Dreon reported that the CAP system is working well overall for curriculum reviews but reminded faculty that UNIV 103 proposals and recertifications are handled directly through him.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

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XI. Committee Elections

Previous nominations were distributed and the floor opened for additional nominations. A Blazer/Cook motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for each unopposed candidate was approved without dissent.

XII. New Business

Senator Sciarretta reported on increased use of the Early Alert feedback by faculty via

MAX. It was noted that student are contacted by a Care Team member as well as referred to their faculty and/or advisor. It was also emphasized that confidentiality is respected regarding both personal student information and faculty comments submitted.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

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