

**Faculty Senate Minutes  
September 5, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Athletics, Physics, and Sociology & Anthropology.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the June 6, 2017 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

**NEW GRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS**

- (1) ART 566: Collage, 3 credits. Proposal for course that reviews history of collage as a media for fine art was approved without dissent.

**CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS**

- (1) MATH 422: Linear Algebra 2. Proposal to add a prerequisite was approved without dissent.
- (2) GFED 370: Teaching Gifted and Talented Learners. Proposal to change course abbreviation and number of ELED 371 was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Chair Walsh welcomed senators, led introductions, and offered to meet with new senators or committee chairs that would like. She announced meeting dates for 2017-2018 and invited senators to contact her about campus initiatives that might be invited to give updates at our meetings. Chair Walsh also reminded senators of opportunities to review the PASSHE NCHEMS report or meet with chair of the President Search Committee to provide faculty perspective on campus direction. Ms Ann Womble, the search chair, has an office on campus and is hosting a September 15 drop-in event. The faculty members of the search committee are Drs. Ken Smith and Chris Hardy.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

None

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

## **President**

President Anderson reminded faculty of convocation this week and reported on the current budget, enrollment, and anticipated campus relief responses to Hurricane Harvey.

## **Provost**

Provost Prabhu discussed Middle States review in 2020, changes to the accreditation cycle, and a focus on use of learning outcomes assessment to improve programs. He noted that Institutional Research is producing data sets on academic programs and departmental retention to assist with decisions in departments. A concern was raised about problems with having courses listed as contingency sections during registration despite history showing they will fill.

## **Associate Provost**

Associate Provost Adams announced the One Book selection *All American Boys* by J. Reynolds and B. Kiely will be explored for two years. He also reported that CAP is live for curriculum proposals and reminded faculty to take advantage of CAE offerings. Dr. Adams also introduced a proposed addition of language to the curriculum approval process, specifying how curricular proposals could be introduced by administration and reviewed as any other proposal. A question was raised about why this would occur since relevant faculty or departments would be involved, but a possibility for new programs outside existing departments was described. The change was referred to APC to review and bring forward.

## **Dean**

Dean Jackson announced Millersville will host the PASSHE STEM conference on November 4.

### VII. Curricular Notices

None have been distributed since spring. Notifications will now be coming weekly from the CAP system.

### VIII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

## **Cooperative Education**

Senators were reminded to discuss proposed variable credit internships with their departments. Feedback may be directed to Chair Robyn Davis.

## **GCPRC**

Dr. Mowrey announced an October 4 Graduate Open House.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

Discussion was held regarding the definition of emeritus status. The requirement of 10 years of continuous service might be interpreted as referring only to full-time, tenured faculty. However, it was noted that faculty with other long-term service assignments have been previously approved and exceptions could be allowed as warranted. Dean's Council will consider clarifying language in the policy.

An Irwin/Robinson motion that Professor Eugene Ellis be granted the honorary title of Instructor of Communication and Theatre Emeritus was approved without dissent.

XI. Committee Elections

Previous nominations were distributed and the floor opened for additional nominations to the third regular ballot. An A. Miller/Robinson motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for each unopposed candidate in the third regular election was approved without dissent.

Previous nominations were distributed and the floor opened for additional nominations to the ballot for at-large service. An A. Miller/Robinson motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for each unopposed candidate in the at-large election was approved without dissent.

XII. Other/New Business

Senator Sciarretta announced changes to the Early Alert system to engage faculty in helping identify struggling students for intervention. He especially noted an increase in attrition for freshmen before the spring semester. Mr. Sciarretta noted that faculty can submit alerts at any time now, and monitoring will happen on an ongoing basis. He also highlighted that any student can be flagged by faculty but that exploratory students, high-risk students, and athletes are a priority. Mr. Sciarretta also reminded faculty that concerns about a student's safety or security should be directed to Police, Counseling, or Student Affairs as relevant.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller  
Faculty Senate Secretary

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