

Faculty Senate Minutes
April 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Athletics, Government & Political Affairs, and Interdisciplinary Studies.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as corrected.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

- (1) (WSSD019) WSSD 384: Contemporary Issues in Sport, 3 credits, W, DL. Proposal for new course was approved without dissent.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

- (2) (GEOG011) GEOG 230: Physical Geography, G2, DL. Proposal to change to G2 designation and offer course in DL format was approved without dissent.
- (3) (GEOG028) GEOG 343: Latin America and the Caribbean. Proposal to change the title, description, pre-requisites, and offer in DL format was approved without dissent.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- (4) (BIOL014) BS, Biology: Respiratory Therapy option. Proposal to change required courses was approved without dissent.

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Chair Walsh reminded faculty of the opportunities to attend the presidential inauguration and graduations in regalia and noted faculty volunteers are needed to serve as commencement marshals and as MIM reviewers.

IV. Report of the APSCUF President

President Smith noted nominations for faculty representatives on the search committee for VP of Finance & Administration and for APSCUF officers and committees can be submitted to Kim Martin. APSCUF is hosting a BBQ at Schuylkill House after graduation.

V. Report of the Student Government Association

Ms. Brittany Goranson reported on success of the Big Event. She also noted new SGA leadership will be transitioning, a town hall event on LGBTQ+ issues (6 p.m. on April 22), Coffee with Commuters (7:30-9:30 a.m. on April 8 & 11), and an OER presentation to SGA. Faculty again raised concerns that student organizations, including SGA, use gmail rather than millersville.edu accounts; this should be explored with IT.

VI. Report of the Graduate Student Organization

None

VII. Report of the Administrative Officers

President

President Wubah discussed visits to departments, a reduction in student fees planned by COT, and an employee recognition BBQ (11:30-2:30 on May 17).

Provost

Provost Prabhu encouraged faculty to serve as reviewers to support the over 400 students presenting at MIM. He also reminded faculty about reporting non-attending students in classes, the upcoming sabbatical deadline, and that robes are available for faculty to dress for the presidential inauguration and graduations. Requests were made for faculty to be informed of language in the letter that non-attending students receive and to be provided a way to see the student view of Banner accounts.

VIII. Curricular Notices

Faculty were reminded that curriculum review is not active during summer.

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

- (1) (AEST026) OSEH 222: Construction Safety, 3 credits. Proposal for new course.
- (2) (GOVT014) GOVT 225: Modern China, 3 credits, G3. Proposal for new course.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

- (3) (ACFN013) BUAD 488: Seminar. Proposal to offer course in DL format.
- (4) (GOVT013) GOVT 333: American Political Thought. Proposal to add W and G1 labels.
- (5) (GOVT007) GOVT 325: Modern Asia. Proposal to change course name and description.
- (6) (ENGL061) ENGL 213: Fundamentals of Journalism. Proposal to change course number and add W and G1 labels.

- (7) (WSSD022) WSSD 350: Sport in North America. Proposal to change course name and add D label.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

GERC

Senator C. Smith shared that regular meeting will be conducted between Assessment and General Education. Dr. Smith distributed a proposal for approving a revised GenEd program to be drafted in the next couple years. Discussion raised whether the proposed vote would necessarily work given that the nature and extent of proposed changes are not yet known, if the whole faculty should necessarily participate in the review, and how APSCUF would participate if there was impact to workplace issues. It was suggested that GERC might include a recommendation for approval tailored to the specifics of the program changes proposed. The importance of substantive conversation across campus during proposal development was stressed.

GCPRC

NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- (8) Education Specialist: School Psychology degree. Proposal outlining curriculum for new degree program.

CHANGES TO GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- (9) M.S. Psychology: School Psychology. Proposal to update degree curriculum.

MDSTCC

Dr. Nakeiha Primus reported on review of 10 student-proposed MDST proposals and an updated Sports Journalism program, noting additional proposals will be considered next fall. Senator Woodall noted that a LLC for MDST students is being developed with housing.

AOAC

Dr. Robyn Davis reported on the annual Assessment luncheon and an overview of GenEd competency information, noting related resources will be made available to faculty. She expressed interest in hearing from faculty who might have artifacts to inform review of upper-level writing courses.

X. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

XI. Faculty Emeriti

A Taylor/Bell motion that Dr. Dorothee J. Blum be granted the honorary title of Associate Professor of Mathematics Emeritus was approved without dissent.

A Wagner/Vaillancourt motion that Dr. M. James Cosentino be granted the honorary title of Professor of Biology Emeritus was approved without dissent.

A Wagner/K. Walsh motion that Dr. LaVern Whisenton-Davidson be granted the honorary title of Professor of Biology Emeritus was approved without dissent.

XII. Elections

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

XIII. New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned after elections (5:43 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

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