

## Faculty Senate Minutes – March 19, 2019

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

### I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as revised.

### II. Proposed Curricular Frameworks for endorsement

#### 1) Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies (Population Health Concentration)

Dr. Kelly Kuhns motioned that senate endorse the curriculum framework as written, Dr. Lowery Woodall seconded, no further discussion, unanimous approval.

#### 2) Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Spatial Sciences:

Dr. Ethan Frost motioned that senate endorse the curriculum framework with the amendment/correction on page 4 of the framework where it should read: *for BA Geography in Environmental and Spatial Sciences to a BS in Environmental Sciences*, in the last statement, Dr. Shaun Cook seconded, no further discussion, unanimous approval.

#### 3) Bachelor of Science in Packaging Engineering Technology (PET):

Dr. Mark Snyder and Dean Jackson were available to answer questions. Dr. Tom Bell motioned that senate endorse the curriculum framework Bachelor of Science in Packaging Engineering Technology (PET), second Mehmet Goksu. No further discussion. Unanimous approval.

#### 4) Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) in School Psychology:

Dr. Shaun Cook motioned that senate endorse the curriculum framework for Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) in School Psychology, Dr. Ron Frankum seconded, no further discussion, unanimous approval.

### III. Proposed Courses and Programs: Undergraduate (Consent Agenda)

#### Undergraduate Course Change Proposals

- 1) MATH 472 Financial Mathematics II (Math Course Change Proposal 010): Proposal to change the prerequisite from "MATH 335 or MATH 333, and MATH 372" to "A grade of C– or better in MATH 335 or MATH 333, and a grade of C– or better in MATH 372." Proposal for course change was approved without dissent.
- 2) MATH 372 Financial Mathematics I (Math Course Change Proposal 009): Proposal to change the prerequisite from "MATH 211-Calculus II" to "a grade of C- or better in MATH 211-Calculus II". Proposal for course change was approved without dissent.
- 3) PSYC 314 Cognitive Psychology to Advanced Lab in Cognitive Psychology (Psyc Course Change Proposal 016): Proposal to add PSYC 215 (Introduction to Physiological PYSC) as

- a prerequisite and change the title from 'Cognitive Psychology' to 'Advanced Lab in Cognitive Psychology'. Proposal for course change was approved without dissent.
- 4) PSYC 316 Sensation and Perception to Advanced Lab in Sensation and Perception (Psych Course Change Proposal 017): Proposal to add PSYC 215 (Introduction to Physiological PSYC) as a prerequisite and change the title from 'Sensation and Perception' to 'Advanced Lab in Sensation and Perception'. Proposal for course change was approved without dissent.

#### Undergraduate Curricular Change Proposals

- 1) ESCI (Curricular Change Proposal 041): Proposal to change the Geology minor by 1) allowing one 100 level geology course to count toward the minor and 2) allowing GEOG 230 to substitute for ESCI 225 within the minor. Geography has agreed to a similar substitution within their minor. Proposal for curricular change was approved without dissent.
- 2) GEOG Environmental Geography (Curricular Change Proposal 054): Proposal to change GEOG minor by adding ESCI 225 - Geomorphology as an option to the required courses. Students will have the option to count either ESCI225 - Geomorphology OR GEOG230 - Physical Geography towards the minor. Proposal for curricular change was approved without dissent.

#### Graduate Second Readings (posted in the Faculty Senate D2L site)

- 1) Clinical Competency Review Policy Change. Proposal for policy change was approved without dissent.

#### IV. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Chair Walsh reminded faculty of opportunities to attend the inauguration of Dr. Daniel Wubah (in regalia), and spring graduation. She also noted that volunteer marshals are needed for both events. It was also decided that the summer meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11th from 3-4:45.

#### V. Report of the APSCUF President

Dr. Ken Smith reported the following:

Nominations for committees and officers are now open. Contact Kim Martin and nominate yourself or a consenting faculty member.

PA Promise Rally for Affordable Education will be held in Harrisburg on March 27th. Bus going from APSCUF parking lot. Encourage faculty, students, and staff to attend. Bus leaves at 9:00 am and includes a free lunch.

The Undergraduate Curriculum Approval Policy (not the online CAP computer system) proposal did not make it through state meet and discuss. Concerns arose around management making proposals because the existing policy states that a faculty member must initiate all proposals in the CAP computer system. APSCUF is concerned that management might gain more control over the curriculum beyond what is already in the governance manual. Therefore, the university is continuing to work with the existing procedure while more discussion takes place. This is strictly an

APSCUF approval issue and Senate is being informed rather than being asked to take action.

VI. Report of the Student Government Association

There was no student senate representative present, however, Chair Walsh met with John Tintera previously and was told that student senate had made changes to their bylaws. A favorable change is that a student will now be designated in a liaison role to the Division of Academic Affairs in order to ensure participation at Faculty Senate meetings and other senate committees where student presence is expected.

VII. Report of the Graduate Student Association

There was no Graduate Student Association representative present

VIII. Report of the Administrative Officers

**Provost:**

Dr. Prabhu provided thanks to the faculty who worked on the frameworks that were submitted. Any proposals to the state system beyond this point will follow the new procedures.

**Associate Provost:**

Dr. Delle stated that an MU student received the Ali-Zaidi award which was eligible to students across the state system. This is the 5th time out of 18 awards that an MU student has won. This is nearly twice as many awards to MU students as compared to any other school in the system, West Chester has won three.

Dr. Delle reminded faculty that Made in Millersville is coming up and that reviewers still needed. A record number of students are participant this year and MU has the largest student conference in the entire system at this point. He asked that faculty please spread the word and contact himself, Tatiana Pashkova-Balkenhol, or Rene Munoz with any questions. He also noted that a vip delegation from Ghana will be on campus that day.

Dr. Delle also noted that \$5,000 grants were awarded to 10 MU students to work with faculty on research projects over the coming summer.

IX. Announcement of new courses, programs or changes to existing courses/program

No proposals.

X. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

- Academic Outcomes and Assessment (AOAC)  
Provided a reminder that the Assessment luncheon is coming up on March 28th. A hot lunch will be provided for this interactive, engaging, and important event.
- Educator of the Year Committee (EDOY)  
(Second Reading): Proposal to revise structure to improve function, clarify oversight by JSCC. Proposal to structural revision approved without dissent.

- Joint Senate Conference Committee Chairperson: Shaun Cook  
(Second Reading): Proposal to revise format and language to clarify role in EYASC oversight, add graduate student representation. Proposal to format revision and language clarification approved without dissent.
- University Honors College Committee Chairperson: Aaron Haines (Second Reading)  
Honors College Elective Course Credit Proposal: Proposal to allow 500 level graduate courses to count as “Honors Credit” This proposal does not change Honors College Policy:  
<https://www.millersville.edu/about/administration/policies/pdf/academics/academic-program-ud-honors-programs.pdf> AND Students will still be required to obtain special permission to take graduate courses, linked here:  
<https://www.millersville.edu/registrar/files/studentforms/permission-for-undergrad-to-grad-class.pdf> The proposal will allow the Registrar to program degree audit to accept “500 level” with a B- or higher as honors electives (with Honors College confirmation) Questions or feedback should be shared with [Aaron.Haines@millersville.edu](mailto:Aaron.Haines@millersville.edu). The proposal to allow 500 level graduate courses to count as “Honors Credit” was approved without dissent.

XI. Reports of the Faculty Senate, Convened Committees, Area or Special Committees  
No reports

XII. Faculty Emeriti Resolutions  
no new proposals

XIII. Faculty Senate Elections  
Dr. Walsh reminded faculty that upcoming standing committee elections will be held in our two meetings in April. She asked that senators encourage colleagues to consider joining a committee and consider serving themselves.

XIV. New Business

Dr. Ethan Frost stated that Geography would like to sit on the G2 Science and Technology Area Committee for the 2019/20 academic year in addition to sitting on the Social Science Area Committee.

Dr. Walsh noted that as per our previous discussion in Senate, any other department that would like to have representation on an area committee outside of their traditional area should make their desire known at Senate.

Dr. Prabhu announced that President Wubah’s goal is to have an independent College of Business by July 1, 2019 which introduces many questions because this will be an independent college joining the existing three. Numerous implications surround this change that need to be addressed (*ie., college reps on the promotion and tenure committee*). The College of Business will be the smallest college with only two departments. Dialogue with APSCUF must take

place prior to July 1 and guidelines need to be established regarding governance. This will alter senate committee makeup and numerous other issues. This impacts committee elections for senate and APSCUF for 2019/20 committees which take place in the coming month. This college begins with 800 students in the two departments, Mgt/Marketing and Accounting/Finance.

Dr. Walsh noted that the approved, year-long draft, of the colleges that we added a couple years ago has not yet been implemented and therefore she was concerned as to how the work for this new endeavor could be accomplished by July 1st noting that elections will be seriously implicated and will not be resolved by July 1st. Instant changes and updates are not possible. Dr. Prabhu stated that accommodations will be made in the first year and that technically speaking, the departments can still operate under Social Sciences. Dr. Prabhu suggested that it be grandfathered in first and then we move forward to solve the other issues. Over-representation is the greatest concern because of the limited number of faculty in the new college (business).

Kat announced that pre-req's are not enforced for summer classes by the computer system. Joe Sciaretta suggested that this came about to advocate for transient students who need to register rather than for our students to skirt the system. Faculty should be sure to announce. If you turn them back on, then transient students will have to have a lot of extra work done to allow them to register. It's an either/or system. Just be watchful and tell your students on day one that they should have met the pre-requisite or instructor approval.

XV. Adjournment [and table/chair moving, please]

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeri Robinson-Lawrence  
Substitute Faculty Senate Secretary