

Faculty Senate Minutes
March 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Counseling & Human Development, Educational Foundations, Interdisciplinary Studies, and Library.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

An R. Baker/Halawa motion to amend the minutes so the motion regarding the curriculum framework reads “to endorse submission of a curricular framework for a BS in Sports Administration degree to PASSHE” was approved without dissent.

The minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as amended.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

Discussion was held regarding the mechanism for considering curricular frameworks for submission to PASSHE. A template structure was distributed, and standard language will be used for Senate endorsement. Departments who will develop the curriculum should request endorsement of framework submission by way of a motion.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

- (1) (AEST023) ITEC 322: Transportation and Robotics. Proposal to change course name and number, add pre-requisites, and update description and objectives was approved without dissent.
- (2) (EDUC021) EDUC 403: Cultural Diversity: Pluralism in Society. Proposal to change name, course description, and pre-requisites, drop W label, and add P label was approved without dissent.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- (3) (CSCI010) BS, Computer Science. Proposal to change program requirements was approved without dissent.

NEW UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- (4) (HIST024) Military Science minor. Proposal for new minor 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 participate in International Women's Day event.

IV. Report of the APSCUF President

None

V. Report of the Student Government Association

Ms. Brittany Goranson reported on revised constitution and bylaws for the SGA, election of 2019-2020 executive board, and the Big Event. She also noted a new fund available through the Office of Advancement to support professional development experiences for students. SGA allocations will support function of student organizations.

VI. Report of the Graduate Student Organization

A report was shared from Mr. Jerrell Blaine noting GSO activities relating to recruitment, improving professional development opportunities for graduate students, and student engagement with Middle States review.

VII. Report of the Administrative Officers

President

President Wubah discussed new academic programs, a decrease in funding for merit scholarships, and efforts to improve budgeting strategies. Dr. Wubah noted a new VP of Advancement will be selected soon to begin this summer along with a new Chief Diversity Officer. He also commented on PASSHE issues of sustainability, noting that Chancellor Greenstein will be returning to campus to discuss changes. Dr. Wubah requested that faculty consider serving on related bodies looking into academics, finances, and student success and retention.

Provost

Provost Prabhu encouraged faculty to attend the presidential inauguration April 18 at 11 a.m., providing permission for faculty to promote or facilitate attendance by themselves and their students. Dr. Prabhu explained how PASSHE changes to program review have created a short-term process for programs currently in the pipeline for review. After those proposals are cleared, PASSHE will transition to a new role for the Chief Academic Officers to make program approval recommendations to the PASSHE BOG.

Associate Provost

Associate Provost Delle reminded faculty of Made in Millersville on April 16.

VIII. Curricular Notices

NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

- (1) (GEOG035) GEOG 408: Sustainable Development, 3 credits, D, P. Proposal for new course.

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- (2) (COMT029) Strategic Public Relations, minor. Proposal outlining a new minor.

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- (3) (ENGL060) ENGL 481: History of Film. Proposal to add D and G1 designations.
- (4) (GEOG037) GEOG 202: Environmental Sustainability. Proposal to change course title and description.

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- (5) (BIOL014) BS, Biology: Respiratory Therapy option. Proposal to change required courses.

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

EYASC

Senator Cook presented proposed changes to the Educator of the Year Award Selection Committee bylaws. The proposal reflects the charge to Joint Senate Conference Committee to provide oversight to EYASC, designating the Faculty Senate Chair Pro Tempore as non-voting EYASC chair. These changes should provide continuity in organization so that EYASC members can focus on selection of the awardee each year.

JSCC

Senator Cook presented proposed changes to the Joint Senate Conference Committee bylaws. The proposal clarifies the charge of Joint Senate Conference Committee, including oversight of EYASC, and adds a graduate student representative.

GERC

Senator C. Smith shared that GERC has developed a 1-2-year plan for reviewing General Education. Due to difficulties that arose during the last major review, Dr. Smith requested some clarification about how the final proposal would be reviewed and expectations for voting.

GCPRC

Dr. Tiffany Wright distributed a proposed change to the Clinical Competency Review policy. She also noted that the graduate open house has been rescheduled and feedback on graduate student writing needs are still being collected.

UHC

Dr. Aaron Haines requested that 500-level graduate courses qualify as an H designation for students earning a B- or higher. He noted that Honors College students would need to follow the current process for admission to graduate courses.

X. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

XI. Faculty Emeriti

A Wagner/A. Miller motion that Dr. Jean G. Boal be granted the honorary title of Professor of Biology Emeritus was approved without dissent.

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XII. Elections

The following departments were reminded to conduct elections for senator and alternate for 2019-2022: ACFN, ESCI, ECON, IDST (2020), PHYS, PSYC, WSSD. Committee elections will be held during the two April meetings of Faculty Senate.

XIII. New Business

Ms. Alison Hutchinson reminded faculty that TAP numbers are available for advising. Senator Sciarretta reported 55% of faculty used Early Alert in fall. He also recommended faculty participate in Advisement Bootcamp where a panel will be sharing strategies they use for advising. Mr. Sciarretta also noted that localized student success centers are being developed to enhance student access to advising support.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Faculty Senate Secretary

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