

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**September 4, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Interdisciplinary Studies and Music.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved with corrections.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

None

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Chair Walsh led introductions of senators for the new academic year and thanked colleagues for work throughout the summer. Dr. Walsh noted plans to meet with chairs of Senate committees to set priorities for the upcoming year. She also reported on work to get posted governance documentation updated to reflect our current documents. Dr. Walsh highlighted the student Resource Guide and available posters from the Diversity to Inclusion Initiative.

IV. Report of the APSCUF President

President K. Smith requested that all APSCUF members please complete and return membership cards by mail or at the APSCUF office. Ms. Kim Martin can provide a new card if needed. He also noted that APSCUF plans to participate in the Millersville parade. Faculty having issues with Health & Welfare Fund reimbursements were again referred to Ms. Nancy Koutris at APSCUF.

V. Report of the Student Senate

None

VI. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VII. Report of the Administrative Officers

**President**

President Wubah greeted Senate and emphasized the value of faculty on campus and importance of work collectively to provide quality education for our students. He noted the current campaign focused completely on raising funds to directly benefit students through support for high-impact practices, scholarships, especially focusing on first generation and under-represented minorities, and funding for athletics. Dr. Wubah introduced Dr. Steven Kennedy, Coordinator of High-Impact Practices. Dr. Wubah welcomed the opportunity to meet with faculty, particularly those interested in new programs and initiatives that benefit our students and community. He reminded faculty to attend the State of the University address at 4 p.m. on Friday, September 7 and join in the Garden Supper following.

### **Provost**

Provost Prabhu reported strong summer enrollments, noting especially rebounding numbers in graduate courses. He thanked faculty who helped with move-in day and welcomed even more to join in the traditional candlelight service held Friday before classes.

### **Associate Provost**

Associate Provost Delle noted his experience at PASSHE schools and enthusiasm to be here at Millersville. He anticipated working with many faculty on committees and through oversight of the CAP system for curriculum review. He stated that proposals need to be submitted by noon Fridays to be distributed in the Monday announcement.

### **Interim Chief of Staff**

Interim Chief of Staff DeSantis reported plans to integrate graduate curriculum review into CAP this year.

Senator Robinson raised concerns about a proposed change to the Bachelor of Design program that was rejected at Deans' Council after having been approved along the entire curriculum review process. Discussion was held regarding the role of UNIV103 courses within academic programs, the need for administrative concerns to be raised earlier in the review process, and the likelihood that major administrative transitions may have impacted this specific situation. Faculty also indicated a need for more clarity on how to respond to curricular decisions from Deans' Council. Dr. Prabhu indicated that standard practice is to work with proposers on a workable solution and that he would work with ARTD on this proposal. The need for further discussion of UNIV103 across campus was noted. Senator Sciarretta noted introduction of 1-credit UNIV101 by AASD to meet needs of exploratory students that may not be met currently by UNIV103.

## VIII. Curricular Notices

None

IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

**Bylaws**

Senator A. Miller distributed a proposal that formalizes dissolution of the Admissions, Advisement, & Student Affairs, Cultural Affairs, and Faculty-Student Athletics committees since these bodies are no longer able to serve their defined purposes.

**GCPRC**

Dr. Mowrey noted that some changes to the GAAC are underway.

**CAP**

Some changes to the page design of CAP were noted after a technical update this summer. Of note, the location of the Submit button is not ideal. Faculty needing assistance with CAP were directed to contact the Associate Provost.

X. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

XI. Faculty Emeriti

None

XII. New Business

Senator Sciarretta reported on use of the Early Alert, including the ability to report last date of attendance. He also noted new non-faculty student success coaches in place to assist struggling students.

XIII. Committee Elections

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

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Meeting was adjourned after elections (5:45 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller  
Faculty Senate Secretary

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