

Faculty Senate Minutes for Tuesday, September 17, 2019 (REV. 10/1/19)

In attendance: Academic Advisement & Student Development, Accounting & Finance, Applied Engineering, Safety & Technology, Art & Design, Biology, Chemistry, Communication & Theatre, Computer Science, Criminology, Sociology & Anthropology, Early, Middle & Exceptional Education, Earth Sciences, Economics, Educational Foundations, English, Geography, History, Language & Culture Studies, Library, Management & Marketing, Mathematics, Music, Nursing, Physics Psychology, Social Work, Wellness & Sport Sciences, GCPRC, APSCUF, Student Senate.

I. Meeting called to order at 4:09 pm

II. **Minutes from Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday, 9/3/19,**
• changes forthcoming, will be sent out for approval.

III. **Proposed Curricular Frameworks for endorsement (None)**

IV. **Proposed Courses and Programs**

• **Unanimous approval** of the following **Undergraduate Course Proposals Consent Agenda** items:

Course Changes

- 1) ENGL 321 Course Change Proposal 074: change course title from Transformational Grammar to Modern Syntax to reflect course content
- 2) ENG 412 Course change proposal 075: change course title from Victorian and Edwardian Literature to Victorian Literature: Madwomen and Decadent Men
- 3) ENGL 300 Course Change Proposal 076: change course title from Cooperative Education to English Internship to better align with university conventions on internship experiences
- 4) MUSI 154 Course Change Proposal 017: change course title from MUED/BA – Maj Perf 1 to Major Performance 1 (so that it applies to all music majors)
- 5) MUSI 155 Course Change Proposal 018: change course title from MUED/BA-Maj Perf 2 to Major Performance 2 (so that it applies to all music majors)
- 6) MUSI 254 Course Change Proposal 019: change course title from MUED/BA-Maj Perf 3 to Major Performance 3 (so that it applies to all music majors)
- 7) MUSI 255 Course Change Proposal 020: change course title from MUED/BA-Maj Perf 4 to Major Performance 4 (so that it applies to all music majors)
- 8) MUSI 354 Course Change Proposal 021: change course title from MUED/BA-Maj Perf 5 to Major Performance 5 (so that it applies to all music majors)
- 9) MUSI 355 Course Change Proposal 022: change course title from MUED/BA-Maj Perf 6 to Major Performance 6 (so that it applies to all music majors)
- 10) MUSI 454 Course Change Proposal 023: change course title from MUED/BA-Maj Perf 7 to Major Performance 7 (so that it applies to all music majors)
- 11) MUSI 455 Course Change Proposal 024: change course title from MUED/BA-Maj Perf 8 to Major Performance 8 (so that it applies to all music majors)

• **Graduate Course Proposals and Graduate Course and Program Review Committee report**

- **Unanimous approval** of the following new graduate course:

New Graduate Course

- 1) Second Reading (*under old paper format*) SOWK 774 (Proposal for a new doctoral course)

GCPRC report:

- Dr. Tiffany Wright announced that GCPRC is requesting assistance in the grad studies office, particularly in the area of recruitment.
- Another subgroup of GCPRC is writing a policy for students to use some of their undergraduate level coursework toward a graduate degree at MU. This will allow students to complete a masters in 5 years. Policy will be coming forward in the next few months.

V. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson: <https://www.millersville.edu/fsenate/index.php>

- We are still working on the committee rosters, website/email list and D2L (*if you don't have access or if you have not received email, let us know*)
- Note that the Council of Trustees meetings are now listed in the Ville Daily. It appears that more people are now attending meetings. Dr. Walsh stated that the meetings are always informative and that these are public meetings Dr. Walsh encourages everyone to attend. COT quarterly meeting information can be found at:
<https://blogs.millersville.edu/villedaily/files/2019/09/Ville-Daily-Annoucement-9-2019.pdf>
 - Please consider attending the public meeting Wednesday, September 25th in Gordinier Hall (Bolger Conference Center), Lehr Room 5:00 p.m.
- Faculty Senate Meeting Dates Fall 2019 (1st and 3rd Tuesday)
 - October 1st
 - October 22nd (NEW additional date due to missed meeting during Fall Break and 5 Tuesdays in October)
 - November 5th and 19th
 - December 3rd

VI. Report of the APSCUF President

Past president of APSCUF, Ken Mash will be on campus, Tuesday, October 8, 12-2:30 in the McComsey Atrium. Please rsvp to Kim Martin if you are attending so she can plan food. This will be an opportunity to learn about what is going on, encourages younger faculty to attend.

VII. Report of the Student Government Association

Brittnay Goranson stated that Student Government is preparing for the “Big Event” to be held in the spring which is an event intended to give back to the greater college community. They are also holding elections for student representatives, one rep per college along with other academic programs, and student life programs. See Brittnay if you have any recommendations. Brittnay reached out to the Deans in addition to asking at Senate. Dr. Walsh spoke of senate committees wherein student representation is desired and asked for help from Student Senate in finding volunteers.

VIII. Report of the Graduate Student Association

none

IX. Report of the Administrative Officers

- Dr. Delle reported on Middle States accreditation. There is a complete draft that has been submitted to the President and Provost which is currently being reviewed by the Cabinet. Cabinet will be returning queries for recommendations or changes. The committee will revise the draft and send it to the general university population shortly after that for public comment and review. The draft will be revised one last time in early-mid October. The final draft will then go to the self-study team leader, Dr. Nader, from SUNY, who has the opportunity to review it. Dr. Nader will be on campus November 8th, numerous meetings and open forums will be scheduled. Faculty may ask questions, answer questions, be prepared for the self-study visit which will be in March.

September 26th is the promotion and tenure reception for those supported in 2019, come and congratulate your colleagues for their accomplishments

- Dr. Prabhu, nothing to report but was available for questions.
- Dean Jackson added that senators should go back to respective departments and say thank you for all of the work and effort that went into Middle States accreditation.
- Alison Hutchinson, with the census date/freeze date, our enrollment is ahead of last year, 17 students at the undergraduate level, 46 total students increased. Faculty are being asked to encourage students to schedule at least 30 credits per calendar year. Average full-time student is taking .5 credits more than they were in Fall 2018 (14.3 average credits). Registration for spring information coming soon. Eric Blazer asked how many credits we lose to HACC for enrolled MU students? No information is available at this moment, that data would be coming in around this time and we can look at it if there is a desire.

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

Some changes and a new course will be coming in from Geography.

XI. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

- **General Education Review Committee (GERC) Chairperson**, Dr. Carrie Smith reported the following via email:

GERC held its first meeting of the 2019-2020 academic year on Thursday September 12th 2019. Committee members volunteered to serve as liaisons to UCPRC for FYS, D, P, and W re-certifications. An overview of the major issues in Gen Ed over the past academic year was provided to the committee. We also discussed potential issues and concerns for this coming year, especially in the context of Middle States re-accreditation. The committee was also given an overview of the work and progress of the First Year Seminar (FYS) Task Force. Finally, the committee discussed the goals we hope to achieve during the 2019-2020 academic year – primarily educating ourselves and learning about General Education curriculums at other institutions and considering a review of how well our current curriculum is working.

- **Undergraduate Course & Program Review Committee (UCPRC) Chairperson**, Dr. Ollie Dreon – identified sub-committee Chairs as follows: Dr. Deb Bredenberg = P, Dr. Alex Redcay = DL, Dr. Justin Mando = W, Dr. Aileen Hower = FYI, Dr. Ethan Frost = D. There are a number of courses going through review, departments should know who they are. If your dept is going through a dept review, all gen ed courses require a recertification. Email digital file to Ollie Dreon who will forward to appropriate individual.
- **University Honors College Committee Chairperson**, Shaun Cook stated that the committee has not met yet because there is not a full committee as they are waiting for AHSS to elect someone. Governing documents state an appropriate flow for the course approval process with honors classes but this isn't built into CAP so there is no way to actually do what is required. How can we now create an H designated course? If you want a permanent "H" attached to a course it should go through the CAP system but it doesn't work. Revisions to CAP will not happen immediately. What is our temporary fix. Discussion ensued, resulting in Shaun Cook "flagging" a course to stop it using the existing CAP process so that the Honors committee could review it. UCPRC will be notified when the course is flagged. Once a course is approved by the Honors college it will continue to flow normally. We will vote on this temporary policy at our October meeting. Dr. Delle said to talk to Kimberland to have them add something that will designate an H. This will need to be built in to the new course system, and change to an existing course system in CAP. Dr. Dreon will be providing a thoroughly considered statement regarding a policy for submission of courses.

XI. Reports of the Faculty Senate, Convened Committees, Area or Special Committees

- None

XII. Faculty Emeriti Resolutions (None)

XIII. Faculty Senate Elections (See updates from Drs. Aimee Miller and Jeri Robinson) Nominations were closed and all those unopposed were elected including Dr. Hadi Halawa, Dr. Ethan Frost, and Dr. Ankur Nandedkar, no further discussion, with unanimous approval.

XIV. New Business

- OER basic information and events on campus (documents attached and uploaded): Dr. Ollie Dreon and OER committee members and <https://www.apscuf.org/open-education-resources/>

Dr. Ollie Dreon presented results on the workshop held last spring for open education resources where they announced the open textbook initiative. A number of faculty applied for grants for this opportunity, 16 were supported and adopted open education resources in their classrooms. This adoption saved students \$130,000 in total with 1,100 students in those classes. Krista Higham, Dan Albert, Kim Auger assist with the program. MU is one of only 11 schools in the nation partnering with OPEN STACKS, a partnership textbook group who supports MU, and stated that we are the only university in the state involved in this initiative. Dr. Dreon asked senate to endorse the Open Educational Resources initiative because research cites that they are vital for student success. APSCUF has already taken this information to the working group.

The group working on this initiative is a large and inclusive group. All are welcome to

come join them. Meetings are held on Mondays at 3:00 pm in the library. A series of events is forthcoming.

There are additional faculty using these resources who did not need grant assistance. OER allows students to be ready to start learning on day one (*eliminates the problem of them not having money for a \$500 book*). MU is able to get some of these things in the bookstore and potentially get them printed. There are many opportunities. There is a lot of support in how to do use open educational resources, there is a community of practice present and hand holding is available to help faculty do this if you would like to convert their classes. The Provost has provided some funds to the library to assist with this endeavor. E-books may be a possibility. There is evidence that this initiative improves student learning, and MU is currently collecting data. Measurable data exists. Pearson Publishing is moving to a new business model where they will be eliminating all published texts in the future. October 8th session will be hands-on.

Dr. Dreon made the following motion:

Faculty Senate endorses the use of open educational resources for increased student success. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lowery Woodall, the votes included 22 yays, 2 nays, 2 abstentions, motion carries.

The next deadline for Open Education Resource grant funding is December 6·2019.

EARLY ALERT SYSTEM:

Dr. Joe Sciaretta stated that early alert is open and available. Please note that the following groups (athletics, scholars, exploratory students) are still being monitored while other students will be referred to the center in your college and they will receive more local advisement from a care team leader. The center is attempting to increase student utilization. Advisors will receive notification but students should see their Professors first.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Professor Jeri Robinson-Lawrence, Art and Design