

## Faculty Senate Minutes for Tuesday, November 19, 2019

**In attendance:** Accounting & Finance, Applied Engineering, Safety & Technology, Art & Design, Chemistry, Communication & Theatre, Computer Science, Counseling & Human Development, Criminology, Sociology & Anthropology, Early, Middle & Exceptional Education, Earth Sciences, Economics, Educational Foundations, English, Geography, Government and Political Affairs, History, Language & Culture Studies, Library, Management & Marketing, Mathematics, Music, Nursing, Philosophy, Psychology, Social Work, Wellness & Sport Sciences, APC (Dr. Jack Ogutu), GCPRC (Dr. Tiffany Wright), Student Senate, Dr. Prabhu, Dr. Delle, Dean Jackson, Ms. Alison Hutchinson

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm

- I. Welcome and introduction of senators, administrators and other special guests**
- II. Minutes from Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday, 11/5/19,**  
Unanimous approval with minor changes.
- III. Proposed Curricular Frameworks for endorsement (None)**
- IV. Proposed Courses and Programs**

### **Undergraduate Course Proposals Consent Agenda**

#### **Unanimous Approval**

##### New Course Proposals

- 1) ENTC 320 Scenic Painting for Stage and Media (COMM New Course Proposal 031): Proposal to add a 300-level course in Scenic Painting to the Entertainment Technology curriculum.
- 2) GOVT 456 Global Humanitarianism (GOVT New Course Proposal 017): Proposal to add a new 400-level course to the GOVT curriculum, Global Humanitarianism; W label.

##### Course Changes

- 1) ENGL 313 Journalism (ENGL Course Change Proposal 091): Proposal to change course title to simplify by dropping the "Introduction to" from Introduction to Journalism; add DE label.
- 2) ENG 484 Science Fiction, Technology, & Film (ENGL Course Change Proposal 093): Proposal for several changes including changing the course title to Science Fiction, Technology, & Film to better reflect content; addition of DL designation; change to make course repeatable with different theme(s); removal of unnecessary prerequisites.

##### New Curriculum

- 1) GEOG Sustainability Studies (GEOG New Curricular Proposal 051): Proposal to add a concentration in Sustainability Studies to the GEOG program.

##### Curricular Change

- 1) ESCI (ESCI Curricular Change Proposal 051): Proposal to change the curriculum for the Meteorology minor to and replace ESCI 340 Physical Meteorology with ESCI 340 Cloud Physics & Precipitation Processes OR ESCI 345 Atmospheric Radiative Transfer

**Graduate Course Proposals & Graduate Course and Program Review (GCPRC),**  
Chair: Tiffany Wright (CAP Proposals; None as of 11/12/19)

**Second Reading Curricular Proposals (paper format; uploaded to D2L)**

New Course Proposals

**Unanimous Approval**

- 1) PSYC 626 Trauma Treatment: Theory, Research and Methods (proposal for a new 3-credit course) full document posted in D2L.

Course Changes

**Unanimous Approval**

- 1) PSYC 630 Group Process and Personality title change to PSYC 630 Group Work: Theories and Intervention: Proposal to change course title and update content to reflect licensure educational requirements.

**Second Reading Policy Proposal (attached—minor changes made since 1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

**Proposal approved with 4 abstentions (3 in person, 1 via email)**

- 1) Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Degree Programs and Early/Dual Admission to First Professional Master's Degree Program Policy ) Contacts: Tiffany Wright/Kelly Kuhns: The purpose of this policy is to communicate the instructions, processes, and standards regarding the establishment of accelerated bachelor's to master's degree programs and early admission to first master's degree program at Millersville University. This policy is closely aligned with overall PASSHE policy regarding accelerated bachelor's degree programs.

Clarifications regarding this program were raised by Senator Ron Frankum. He asked what status students are when they are admitted (undergraduate or graduate)? They will be considered undergraduate students until they are formally admitted to the graduate program. A qualified student must maintain and meet all requirements necessary to enter a master's program at MU. Questions were raised regarding which tuition will be paid. Undergraduate or Graduate? Students in this program will pay undergraduate tuition when they are undergrad students regardless of what level the courses are. Therefore, they benefit from taking some of the grad classes at the lower price.

Faculty Senate will ask APC to review other undergraduate and graduate policies that are impacted by this new policy.

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

- Graduation is on December 15<sup>th</sup> please attend in regalia. Provost's office still has regalia available.
- OER letter of support (in D2L). Faculty senate endorsed this program and there is a letter of support found within D2L at this time. Dr. Walsh reminded all senators to consider ways in which we can reduce or eliminate the cost of course materials for students.
- Faculty Senate Meeting Dates Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)
  - December 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>
  - March 3<sup>rd</sup>

- April 4<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- May (5<sup>th</sup> is first day of finals....may have electronic vote?)
- June date TBD

**VI. Report of the APSCUF President** Nobody present, Dr. Walsh thanked all for voting and collecting ballots. The tentative agreement has been approved.

**VII. Report of the Student Government Association** Mental Health town hall is coming soon. Textbook grant proposals being accepted currently. Available for 50 students, Ms. Brittnay Gorenson has flyers available. Student Senate is creating a space for conversation around the topic of hate speech on November 26<sup>th</sup> in McComsey Hall. Ms. Goranson is willing to send an email with further details for all faculty to disseminate. Dr. Walsh asked if the chief diversity officer will be in attendance. Ms. Gorenson said that this all came together rather quickly but they are reaching out to all appropriate parties on campus in order to create a safe environment for students to discuss these issues. Dr. Walsh stated that it might also be helpful to reach out to counseling or social work in the event that support is necessary in a non-threatening manner.

**VIII. Report of the Graduate Student Association** nobody present

**IX. Report of the Administrative Officers**

Dr. Prabhu stated that the number of faculty signed up for graduation is far lower than last year. Please make every effort to attend. Regalia is available in the Provost's Office via provost@millersville.edu. An additional request will be coming directly to faculty from Dr. Prabhu.

Dr. Dreon is leading the MU OER initiative. Estimated savings for students was well over \$200,000 in costs for students. Check the CAE website for details about the upcoming opportunity to be among a cohort of faculty joining this initiative. The quality of these materials is very high. If faculty are interested, the university would like to support them in lowering costs. Dr. Walsh teaches in summer III and this year she used OER with zero text book costs and she had triple the number of students compared to prior years. They also had the highest success rates on quizzes and assignments related to the textbook readings. It seemed to make an enormous impact. Some folks wanted more evidence and Dr. Dreon said that the evidence is currently being collected (assessment and survey data). This is connected to the Open Stacks partnership (*MU is one of 15 recipients nationally*) which gives us support and training on using OER.

Dr. Delle noted that the first year seminar task force has been working diligently for the past year on UNIV 101 and 103 offerings. They will meet on Wednesday, November 20th to solidify recommendations that will be presented to the President.

At the beginning of the spring semester, the Center for Academic Excellence will move into a new facility in Lyle Hall where there will be permanent space for faculty development (*in old financial aid area*). There may be a new branding initiative with this move. Dr. Delle also stated that Dr. Dreon is doing wonderful things with the CAE and all its offerings.

Dr. Cynthia Taylor asked how the math department can request and receive AP test score results in order to advise students properly. This is the first year that they did not get the scores upon requesting them. The administration has had this conversation and Dr. Prabhu is currently

working out the process. These scores can be used for information only and not for anything else. Previously they came from the admissions office. Dr. Delle will be in contact with Dr. Taylor once they know of the process.

Dean Jackson offered safe travels over the break.

Dr. Frankum asked what happens after submitting an “end date” for attendance via the Early Alert system. Ms. Hutchinson stated that the students stay on your D2L roster. Dr. Frankum stated that he has submitted an end date three times and that the students are still on the roster as fully attending students. Ms. Hutchinson will look into this. Dr. Hogg stated that you have the ability to add a student to D2L (*after them being removed for non-attendance*) and you can then get all of the information that was in D2L back for reference because it is just hidden in the background.

Dr. Hower stated that we have some students that are struggling at this time of year but due to the timing they are not able to get the help they need because there is a three week wait for a counseling appointment. This appears to be an ongoing and increasing problem. Dr. Backels stated that emergency triage help is offered every Monday - Friday from 1:00 -2:00 pm, on a walk-in basis. If someone is in crisis, you should call the office asap. Last week the counseling office had 51 intake appointments scheduled for the remainder of this semester. This is unsustainable, they are working very hard to hire new faculty. There is a committee working on this issue currently and it is close to finalizing a proposal. One of the greatest challenges is due to the CBA because there is a specific set of requirements for the counseling office. There is currently arbitration within the state system and therefore no movement can be taken. Keep in mind that the Counseling Center faculty and staff are available during the winter and summer sessions. Dr. Prabhu is working with LGH and Penn Med to try and find solutions. This is a national problem with almost 1/3 of students coming in with some sort of need. The new Behavioral Health Hospital at LGH began with 25 beds, increased to 100 beds, and then to 150 beds in just one year. All necessary parties are also looking at unique ways to help people. LGH hires many of our MSW students for triage. We are looking at how we can help our students in the most efficient way. Higher education is trying to figure out the most efficient and impactful way to deal with these issues. A Task force with a combination of professionals from MU, local hospitals and doctors has been put together to review the data. Most students can't go elsewhere because they don't have insurance. There are too many students with needs to get many repeat visits in at the counseling center. Now that we have reduced the stigma around mental health, we need to increase resources.

Dr. Sam Earman stated that the Earth Sciences department noted and appreciated and noted the student photos in the early alert system. The department asked if this could possibly exist in the class list site on Max as well.

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

None

**XI. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees**

- Academic Policies (APC) Chairperson: Jack Ogutu  
Senate was to vote on the policy change brought up in prior meetins but APC requested that we vote at the December meeting instead because Faculty Senate requested data

that was only just received. They also want to utilize the student representative on the committee and have that individual get feedback from student government. Dr. Walsh said that this might then change to a “first reading” if major changes were being made rather than an actual vote. Dr. Ogutu stated that this will not be new but instead answers to questions that were raised. A determination will be made upon seeing the proposal.

- University Honors College Committee Chairperson: Shaun Cook;

**Follow up 11/5:**

- 1) Ask your chairs to report to the Honors College Director if an H section of a course is being offered – this is to be a standing request for any semester/session
- 2) Does your departmental offer departmental honors? If so:
  - Does it require a thesis?
  - Is there any documentation available that can be shared with the UHCC?

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

- NONE

**XII. Faculty Emeriti Resolutions**

- Dr. Marcia Nell, Associate Professor: Early, Middle, and Exceptional Education Department  
Motion to accept by Dr. Aileen Hower, Second by Dr. Eric Blazer, Unanimous Approval

**XIII. Faculty Senate Elections**

**XIV. New Business**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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