

Faculty Senate Minutes for Tuesday, December 3, 2019

In attendance: Academic Advisement & Student Development, Art & Design, Athletics, Chemistry, Communication & Theatre, Counseling & Human Development, Criminology, Sociology & Anthropology, Early, Middle & Exceptional Education, Economics, English, Geography, Government and Political Affairs, History, Language & Culture Studies, Library, Management & Marketing, Mathematics, Music, Nursing, Physics, Psychology, Social Work, Wellness & Sport Sciences, GCPRC (Dr. Tiffany Wright), Student Senate (Brittney Goranson), Dr. Prabhu, Dr. Delle, Dean Zake, Ms. Alison Hutchinson

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm

- I. Welcome and introduction of senators, administrators and other special guests, good luck on finals.**
- II. Minutes from Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday, 11/19/19**
Unanimous approval with addition of “UNIV 103” on page 3.
- III. Proposed Curricular Frameworks for endorsement (None)**
- IV. Proposed Courses and Programs**

Undergraduate Course Proposals Consent Agenda

New Course Proposals - Unanimous approval.

- 1) EDFN 399 Culture and Education Seminar (EDFN New Course Proposal 023): Proposal for a new course in Ed Foundations curriculum, Culture and Education Seminar. Course designed for teacher certification students, although other qualified students may enroll; may be repeated for credit no gen ed or other labels.
- 2) LATS 325 Afro-Latino Cultural Experiences (LATS New Course Proposal 003): Proposal to add a new course to the Latino/a Studies program, focused on a critical examination of the complex diversity of experiences among U.S. Latinos, with a specific emphasis on Afro-Latino experiences; W designation.

Course Changes - Unanimous approval.

- 1) EDFN 471 Differentiating Instruction in the Classroom (EDFN Course Change Proposal 020): Proposal to change the title of course from “Differentiating Instruction in the Classroom” to “Student Teaching Seminar;” no labels added or removed.
- 2) GEOG 329 to 229 Geography of Recreation and Tourism, (GEOG Course Change Proposal 061): Proposal to change course number from 329 to 229 level and add DL designation.
- 3) MUSI 190 Introduction to Careers in Music from ‘Music Industry I’ (MUSI Course Change Proposal 032): Proposal to change the course title to Introduction to Careers in Music and description for MUSI 190.
- 4) MUSI 290 Music Industry II from ‘Music Industry’ (MUSI Course Change Proposal 033): Proposal to change the course title and description for MUSI 290.
- 5) MUSI 280 Technology in the Music Classroom from EDFN 130 ‘Technology in the Music Profession’ (MUSI Course Change Proposal 035): Proposal to change EDFN 130 (Technology in the Music Profession) to MUSI 280 (Technology in the Music Classroom).

- 6) SPAN 331 Spanish Civilization I (FORL Course Change Proposal 013): Proposal to change course pre-requisites on multiple courses to reflect the changes within the reorganized program in Language and Culture Studies. The changes in pre-requisites are uploaded in CAP in pdf; a single CAP proposal was entered to ensure efficiency in the proposal process.

New Curriculum - Unanimous approval.

- 1) BIO Pre-Medical Professions option-BS (BIO New Curriculum Proposal 019): Proposal for a new concentration in the Biology program, an option in Biology, Pre-Medical Professions.
- 2) GEOG Minor in Sustainability Studies (GEOG New Curriculum Proposal 058): Proposal for a new minor in Sustainability Studies to the Geography curriculum.

Curricular Change - Unanimous approval.

- 1) GEOG (GEOG Curricular Change Proposal 059): Proposal to update the GEOG program with several minor changes to the curriculum (changes apply to major, option and concentration) Geospatial Applications
- 2) Change name of the BS Music Industry Track in “Audio Technology” to “Music Audio Technology”

Graduate Course Proposals & Graduate Course and Program Review (GCPRC), Chair: Tiffany Wright (CAP Proposals; None as of 11/26/19) – No new proposals. Many forthcoming next semester.

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

- Graduation is on December 15th at 2:00 p.m.; please attend in regalia: Faculty who do not currently own regalia who wish to attend Commencement are offered complimentary gowns (only) Contact: Darlene Hunsberger at the University Store (871.7610) ASAP; RSVP for Graduation to: Carol Reichler, Director of Events (871.5926; carol.reichler@millersville.edu) by December 2, 2019.
- Faculty Senate Meeting Dates Spring 2020 (1st and 3rd Tuesday)
 - February 4th and 18th
 - March 3rd
 - April 7th and 21st
 - May (5th is first day of finals....may have electronic vote?)
 - June date TBD

Reminder that nominations for senate positions will be called for in the spring. Please send Jeri Robinson-Lawrence or Aimee Miller any nominations.

VI. Report of the APSCUF President

Nobody present. Dr. Kathleen Walsh noted that a social event will take place on December 6th at Dr. John McLarnon’s residence, rsvp is requested. A social will also be held after graduation at Bert’s Bottle Shop, information forthcoming.

VII. Report of the Student Government Association

Brittnay Goranson stated that Student Senate is still looking for student representatives. Please send students who are interested in leadership her way. The recent Mental Health Town Hall event went well. They hope to hold these types of conversations more frequently. Student Senate also held the education discussion about Hate Speech and how it impacts students and the learning environment. Although Hate Speech may not be illegal, it is still possible to denounce such speech due to the detrimental effect it has on students in the classroom. They would like to have these conversations more often and not just when something bad happens. Approximately 50+ students applied for book

grants. Please contact Student Senate if you have suggestions on how to get more students to apply.

VIII. Report of the Graduate Student Association

Nobody present.

IX. Report of the Administrative Officers

Dr. Prabhu stated that the numbers have grown for attendance at the fall graduation ceremony. Please continue to RSVP. Graduation will host approximately 430 undergraduate students. Dr. Prabhu noted that *Glorious Sounds of the Season* is sold out for this year. He also noted that a major donor for the school of music learned of the music program because of one of these events in the past. If you have a ticket, you are lucky. Please submit grades on time to allow the Registrar's Office to complete their work prior to the holiday. Be safe if you are traveling.

Dr. Mehmet Goksu raised a question about the new Voluntary Summer payment model. The Physics Department union representative had discouraged faculty from signing the paper which states that you are willing to teach summer classes for less pay. This formula was signed off on by APSCUF in consort with the administration. Faculty do not have to sign this. The class might be cancelled or somebody else might want to teach it. The agreement clearly states that this impacts classes with 5-9 students. Any classes below 5 students would be cancelled or taught via some other model. The administration would like fewer classes to be cancelled. Dr. Delle reiterated that this was an initiative undertaken with APSCUF in good faith to ensure that faculty are fairly compensated and students could get the classes they needed. The intention of the letter that faculty received asking if they are willing to teach less than 10 students, is to resolve any kind of cancellations ahead of time. If we are going to guarantee these classes for students, it is important to find an alternative faculty member for the "under 10 student scenario" if the assigned faculty member has signed off on the "NO" to teaching under ten students. This is not a faculty senate issue. Instead this is an APSCUF issue. This is also a one-year pilot program.

Dr. Delle, had nothing to announce. Well wishes for the best as you sprint toward the finish line. Health and happiness to you all.

Dean Zake had nothing new to announce. She asks that faculty take care of themselves as she notes numerous sick leave requests coming through.

Ms. Alison Hutchinson reiterated that an email will be going out later this week regarding grade submission. Please submit on time.

Dr. Walsh questioned why the winter enrollment numbers seem to be low. Dr. Delle stated that we are approximately 200 students down from last year. Dr. Delle is hoping that it is because Thanksgiving was late and that students tend to enroll closer to the Thanksgiving holiday. He is hopeful that enrollment will pick up. Dr. Prabhu stated that winter and summer class enrollment routinely ebbs and flows. The federal government only looks at the 4- and 6-year graduation rates. 60% of Our students graduate in year 5 which doesn't count for the government (they consider it a 6-year graduation). The greatest decline in winter session enrollments happened when there were incidents on campus around November 4th. This could be coincidence. It could be that the semester is ending late. Social Media and Email blitzes will be utilized to increase student numbers.

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

GCPRC will have numerous proposals in the spring, Music has a curriculum change coming in the spring, a new course titled Forecasting and Data Analytics will be forthcoming from Economics.

XI. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

None

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

None

XII. Faculty Emeriti Resolutions

Dr. André Moine, Associate Professor of Language and Culture Studies Emeritus.

Motion to accept by Dr. Christine Gaudry, Second by Dr. Lowery Woodall and Dr. Ron Frankum,
Unanimous Approval

XIII. Faculty Senate Elections

XIV. New Business

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

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Ron Frankum, Second by Dr. Ron Baker. Unanimous approval

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