

## Faculty Senate Minutes for Tuesday, March 3, 2020

All in attendance except for the following: Criminology, Sociology & Anthropology, Library, Music, Philosophy, and Physics.

Others in attendance were: Nijiyah Pendleton (SGA), Dr. Tiffany Wright, Dr. James Delle, Ms. Alison Hutchinson

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm

**I. Minutes from Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday, 2/4/20** Unanimous approval

**Minutes from Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday, 2/18/20** Unanimous approval

**II. Proposed Curricular Frameworks for endorsement:** None as of 2/28/20

**III. Proposed Courses and Programs**

**Undergraduate Course Proposals Consent Agenda (UCPRC), Chair: Ollie Dreon**

Unanimous approval to all of the following:

### New Courses

- 1) GEOG 223 (GEOG New Course Proposal 067) Health Care and Gender, Race and Class: Proposal to add new course to GEOG curriculum with G3 and DL labels.

### Course Changes

- 1) ESCI 465/BIO 495 (ESCI Course Change Proposal 070) Biological Oceanography: Proposal to change prerequisites and course description for ESCI 465 and BIO 495 which is cross listed course.
- 2) SPED 346 (EDFN Course Change Proposal 017) Secondary Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Settings: Educational and Social Implications; Proposal to update course objectives
- 3) SPAN 203 to 303 (FORL Course Change Proposal 037) Spanish for Heritage Speakers: Proposal to change course numbering from 203 to 303 to allow wider diversity of student enrollment.

### New Curriculum

- 1) ESCI Hydrology Minor (ESCI New Curriculum Proposal 062): Proposal for new minor to Earth Sciences Curriculum
- 2) Certificate in Music Technology in Music Education (MUSI New Curriculum Proposal 038): Proposal to add new pre-baccalaureate (UG) Certificate in Music Technology in Music Education
- 3) Certificate in Kodály (MUSI New Curriculum Proposal 039): Proposal to add new pre-baccalaureate (UG) Certificate in Kodály to Music Curriculum

### Curricular Change

- 1) EMEE Middle-Level Education (EMEE Curriculum Change Proposal 037): Proposal to change Chemistry requirement for Middle-Level Education majors with a non-science concentration from CHEM 102 to CHEM 103

**Graduate Course Proposals & Graduate Course and Program Review (GCPRC), Chair: Tiffany Wright**

Unanimous approval to all of the following:

### New Courses

- 1) ENGL 683 (ENG New Course Proposal 096) Politics & Film: Proposal for a new course with DL label.

### Course Changes

- 1) SPAN 587 (FORL Course Change Proposal 041) Seminar in Latin American Literature: Proposal to add DL label and make minor changes to course description.

- 2) SPAN 5222 official course number is 522 (FORL Course Change Proposal 042) Composition: Proposal to add DL label and make minor changes to the course description.

#### New Curriculum

- 1) Home and School Visitor School Social Work Certification (SOWK New Curriculum Proposal 030) Proposal for new Post-Graduate Certificate in Home & School Visitor/School Social Work
- 2) Med in Leadership for Teaching and Learning, Music Concentration (MUSI New Curriculum Proposal 034): Proposal to add concentration in Music to Med.

#### **IV. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson:**

Please consider taking on a leadership role for faculty senate for 2020/2021. Contact Dr. Walsh if anyone has any interest or questions.

Faculty Senate is working together with APSCUF to revise and address bylaws. APSCUF is considering changing the name of Faculty Senate to the University Curriculum Committee. If you have any questions regarding the history of the language please contact Dr. John McLarnon or Dr. Kat Walsh.

Please attend commencement for graduate students on Friday, May 8 at 6:30 pm and undergraduate at Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Regalia is still available if you need it and available from the Provost's office.

#### Faculty Senate Meeting Dates Spring 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

- April 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- May (5<sup>th</sup> is first day of final; may have electronic vote)
- June date TBD – if you have a strong opinion regarding the date, please contact Dr. Walsh

#### **V. Report of APSCUF none**

#### **VI. Report of the Student Government Association**

Ms. Najiyah Pendleton discussed upcoming SGA elections taking place between March 23-29 via Get Involved. The Big Event will be held in April. SGA is still seeking student representatives for a variety of committees. Please contact Ms. Pendleton if you have recommendations. SGA is also looking for professors to come out to help with student study hall with a special thanks going out to the Math department who has already offered assistance.

#### **VII. Report of Academic Administrative Officer**

Dr. Delle reminded us that the Middle States visitation team is coming at the end of the month. Arriving on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, meetings all day on Monday and Tuesday. Dr. Delle has been working with the visiting Chair and has a tentative schedule worked out. An open forum will be for all campus constituents, and on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am the exit meeting will be held where the team announces their preliminary results. No questions will be entertained. Dr. Delle will reach out to individuals who the committee would like to meet with in the coming days. You might be randomly stopped by a Middle States Team member while they are on campus in an effort to get unprepared feedback as opposed to the traditional rehearsed feedback.

The MU Emergency Response Team has been mobilized regarding the Corona Virus. Don't panic. We will be prepared for any number of eventualities. Plans are being formed at this time. These plans will be shared as they are developed. Communications will be going out over the coming days regarding recalling students who are studying abroad in Europe and Asia, 13 students will be impacted. Discussions are taking place regarding travel recommendations during spring break. We all have to be cautious at this time and we want to ensure the health and safety of our students.

#### **VIII. Announcement of new courses, programs or changes to existing courses/program None**

## **IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees**

- Academic Policies (APC) Chairperson: Jack Ogutu (documents posted in D2L)
  - Second Reading: Two proposed changes to the “Academic Dismissal policy.”
  - Students return to good standing: FA 17: 1 of 19; SP 18 1 of 10; FA 18 1 of 9; SP 19 2 of 8
  - The committee has scheduled a meeting for 3/6 to consider the applicants.

Discussion ensued and the excel spread sheet that was sent by Ms. Alison Hutchinson shows the GPA before and after a student had taken a summer class. What is the rationale for leaving two groups, 16.5 credits to 32.5 credits and 32.5 credits and above in the proposed change? The two lines above the change seem inefficient as written. Discussion recommended changing the third line under proposed changes to *16.5 or more credits*, and *striking the fourth line to clarify the language* (this results in no change, just a collapsing of the two lines for efficiency). An election took place on these proposed changes – unanimous approval.

- Discussion to allow students to take summer II and III courses. If this is approved, would students taking summer III be in the same position if they are trying to take Fall classes. Ms. Hutchinson stated that there is no overlap in grading between summer III and the fall semester. Students would not be permitted to move onto campus because they were dismissed so there is no concern that they would have moved in already and then be told to move out. Concerns were raised that this change would make things worse for students rather than helping them. Dr. Blazer questioned whether or not we need to change the policy since students already have the opportunity to appeal the dismissal. Dr. Sciarretta questioned whether or not the students should write a proposal or action plan for taking more classes. Is there actually support available for students in the summer? There is a concern that there are more online vs. face-to-face classes in the summer which means that there would be less support for students. It was suggested that we offer the option for students to take a course in summer one or summer two or summer three but not in all three sessions if they have been dismissed. An election took place on the proposed change – 0 in favor, 23 opposed, 2 abstentions. The proposal failed overwhelmingly because the faculty senators felt that the proposal was detrimental to the overall wellbeing of the students. APC was asked to take this conversation back to the committee.

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

none

## **X. Faculty Emeriti Resolutions**

- 1) Communication and Theatre: Professor Anthony “Tony” Elliott.  
Dr. Gerard Igor motioned to award Professor Emeritus to Professor Tony Elliot, Dr. Ron Frankum seconded the motion, unanimous approval.
- 2) Language and Culture Studies: Dr. Norma Rivera-Hernández, Associate Professor  
Dr. Christine Gaudry motioned to award Professor Emeritus to Dr. Norma Rivera- Hernández, Professor Jeri Robinson-Lawrence seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

## **XI. Faculty Senate Elections: Senate Officers needed for AY 20/21**

Dr. Walsh reminded departments to hold elections for their Faculty Senators. Dr. Woodall announced an upcoming Speech Competition for students where scholarships will be awarded – please encourage your students to attend.

- 1) Chairperson: elected from the Faculty Senate membership at the first meeting of each spring (for the following fall semester).
- 2) Chairperson Pro Tempore: elected from the Faculty Senate membership at the first meeting of each spring (for the following fall semester) to preside in the absence of or at the request of the Chairperson
- 3) Secretary: elected from the Faculty Senate membership at the first meeting of the spring (for the following fall semester). *Parliamentarian is appointed by the Chairperson from the membership.*

## **XIV. New Business** None

## **XV. Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Professor Jeri Robinson-Lawrence