

Millersville University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
09/29/2020

The meeting was called to order remotely via Zoom at 4:05 p.m. All departments were in attendance with the exception of Accounting & Finance and Interdisciplinary Studies.

- I. Minutes of the Faculty Senate**
 - a. The minutes of the 09/01/2020 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved.
 - b. The minutes of the 09/15/2020 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved.
- II. Proposed Curricular Frameworks for endorsement**
 - a. None
- III. Proposed Courses and Programs for approval**
 - a. Consent agenda**
 - i. Undergraduate Course Changes - *Course changes approved without dissent.*
 - 1. (CSCI050) CSCI161 - Introduction to Programming I
 - 2. (CSCI051) CSCI140 - Discrete Structures
 - 3. (ESCI091) ESCI340 - Cloud Physics and Precipitation Processes.
 - 4. (ESCI092) ESCI343 - Atmospheric Dynamics II
 - 5. (ESCI094) ESCI446 - Statistics, Uncertainty and Decision Making in the Earth Sciences
 - 6. (SOAN019) SOCY301 - Craft of Sociology
 - ii. Undergraduate Program Changes – *Program changes approved without dissent.*
 - 1. (WSTU003) - Women's and Gender Studies
 - b. Non consent agenda**
 - i. Undergraduate Program Changes - *Program changes approved.*
 - i. (MUSI043) – BS Music Industry
- IV. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson**
 - a. Chair Jeri Robinson.
 - i. Thanked everyone for Middle States participation.
 - ii. Remaining Faculty Senate Meeting Dates Fall 2020 (1st and 3rd Tuesday at 4:05-5:45 unless noted*) - remote
 - 1. October 6th and 20th
 - 2. November 3rd and 17th
 - 3. December 1st
 - b. Dr. Kathleen Walsh
 - i. Dr. Walsh discussed distance learning (DL) approval process for spring. There was side letter agreement for curriculum review to bypass D2L approval for fall 2020 given the pandemic. They are working on what will happen for the spring, but the current guidance is that it must follow established approval processes. There is no local agreement yet for

blanket temporary approval of spring DL courses. The current recommendations are:

1. If you want to teach your spring course as DL in the future then go through the CAP DL approval process now for your course. UCPRC shared a document with some general recommendation for DL submissions to streamline the process.
2. If you do not want teach your course as DL in the future (beyond COVID disruptions), or do not want course to have a DL label, then do nothing and wait for further instructions.

V. APSCUF Updates

- a. The retrenchment letter was retracted last week. Please talk to your rep council members for any additional information.

VI. Report of the Student Government Association

- a. None

VII. Report of the Graduate Student Association

- a. None

VIII. Report of the Administrative Officers

- a. Dr. James Delle, Associate Provost
 - i. Middle State reaffirmation of accreditation went well and Dr. Delle thanked all participants and contributions. The evaluation team appeared impressed with their visit. The majority of input from the evaluation team during the read out fell into advice or recommendation tiers, not requirements. The full report from the team is forthcoming.
 - ii. Dr. Delle expressed continued appreciation to the faculty in providing quality education to our students during difficult circumstances.
- b. Alison Hutchinson, Registrar
 - i. The registrar shared that enrollments for Fall 2020 are down at both graduate and undergrad levels, -4.6% (FTE -5%).
 - ii. The launch of Spring 2021 schedule will be delayed as courses are updated to reflect the recently announced move to a primarily online semester similar to the fall. Expected availability is 10/07.
- c. General Discussion and Questions
 - i. Assoc. Provost Delle, indicated that there will not be multiple iterations of schedule changes similar to what happened prior to fall semester. Spring 2020 schedule date changes include no spring break. The IMT decision took survey information from faculty, staff, and students into consideration along with other information.
 - ii. There will be winter session opportunities for distance learning focused CAE sessions for faculty.
 - iii. Sen. Sciarretta shared observations from advising and the early alert system that current freshmen with synchronous components seem to be doing better. Sen Lynch mentioned other class levels are having similar issues as observed through counseling center.

- iv. Sen. Granruth – Expressed some observed differences in students within two tracts of the same program (fully online vs. face-to-face forced online). She highlighted face-to-face forced online group is having more difficulty. She noted the key role of students’ expectations for online learning and suggested that institutional effort should also consider helping students with managing expectations for online learning.
- v. Sen. Robinson – Shared success with requiring students to book 4 x 15min videoconference appointments throughout the semester. These meetings are used to check in and connect with the students.

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

- a. See CAP.

X. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

- a. Academic Outcomes and Assessment (AOAC) Chairperson: Robyn Davis
 - i. Virtual Spring Assessment Lunch – Tuesday March 30th, common hour.
- b. Academic Policies (APC) Chairperson: Ankur Nandedkar
 - i. Committee is working on minor rewording of policy for undergraduates taking graduate courses. Senators should expect documents to review.
- c. General Education Review Committee (GERC) Chairperson: Carrie Smith
 - i. The minutes from the last GERC meeting are available for review on Faculty Senate website meeting documentation.

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

- a. None

XII. Faculty Emeriti Resolutions

- a. Klosinska/Frost motion to recommend Dr. Daniel Yocum (Biology) for emeriti status was approved without dissent.

XIII. Faculty Senate Elections

- a. None

XIV. New Business

- a. None

Meeting was adjourned at 5:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethan E. Frost
Faculty Senate Secretary

ACTION SUMMARY

Minutes Approved

- 09/01/2020
- 09/15/2020

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Emeriti Resolutions Approved

- Dr. Daniel Yocum (Biology)