

Millersville University
University Curriculum Committee
(Faculty Senate)
Meeting Minutes
12/01/2020

The meeting was called to order remotely via Zoom at 4:05 p.m. All departments were in attendance with the exception of Accounting and Finance, Counseling and Human Development, Economics, Interdisciplinary Studies, Music, and Philosophy.

I. Minutes of the Faculty Senate

- a. A Granruth/Cook motion to approve the minutes of the 11/17/2020 meeting of the Faculty Senate was approved without dissent.

II. Proposed Curricular Frameworks for endorsement

- a. None

III. Proposed Courses and Programs for approval

- a. Consent agenda – *The following new and changed courses and programs were approved without dissent.*
 - i. Undergraduate Course Changes
 - 1. (PHIL014) PHIL 381 – Ethical Theories
 - ii. Undergraduate New Courses
 - 1. None
 - iii. Undergraduate Program Changes
 - 1. None
 - iv. Graduate New Courses
 - 1. None
 - v. Graduate Program Changes
 - 1. None
 - vi. Graduate New Programs
 - 1. None

IV. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

- a. Chair Jeri Robinson
 - i. Faculty Senate Meeting Dates - Spring 2021 (1st and 3rd Tuesday)
 - 1. February 2 and 16
 - 2. March 2 and 16
 - 3. April 6 and 20
 - 4. May 4
 - 5. June tba
 - ii. Spring 2021 Academic Calendar Schedule
 - 1. First day of classes - Wednesday, January 20
 - 2. Breaks will occur on:
 - a. Monday, February 15
 - b. Wednesday, March 10
 - c. Thursday, April 1

- d. Friday, April 2
 - 3. Last instructional day is Monday, May 3
 - 4. Finals will begin on May 4 and conclude on May 7
- iii. Pass/Fail option implementation background for Fall 2020.
 - 1. Appears same as spring policy.
 - 2. There was an upswell of concern from students and student government across PASSHE and other universities.
 - 3. Provost requested meeting with union to discuss
 - 4. Survey to faculty (close to even) and adjustment to ideal process give the rushed timeline.
 - 5. Underlying grade will be used for prerequisites and course sequence requirement.
 - 6. Advising students to talk to advisors before making decisions regarding P/F.
 - 7. Questions and Discussion:
 - a. Q: Concern that we should consider a more student friendly policy, example of West Chester.
 - i. Some of this was discussed at dean's council and was thought to try to work within existing systems and policies.
 - b. Q: Was this imposed on us (faculty)?
 - i. Yes.
 - c. Q: Is it the traditional role of APC? Can they review?
 - i. Yes, but short timeline and not experts, would be good to incorporate existing institutional knowledge from fall implementation team. s
 - 8. Pass/Fail data for Fall 2020
 - a. Data from Alison Hutchinson on course and university withdrawals for Fall 2020
 - b. Single course W (2020): 1,293 (v. 2019 total: 993)
 - c. # of students W from classes (2020): 662 (v. 2019: 839)
 - d. Complete W from MU (2020): 182 (v. 2019: 109)
 - e. Leave of Absence (2020): 169 (v. 2019: 18)
 - f. Took P/F in spring: 1,048 students, ~16% (in 1,827 courses, ~6%)
 - g. No issues with athletic eligibility
 - 9. APC will try to take this up in last meeting.
- iv. Pass/Fail option for Spring 2021 Discussion
 - 1. Start discussion for spring to provide a better process.
 - 2. Discussion of integrating development of this with the curricular process.

3. <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/11/30/students-look-for-pass-fail-options-again-fall-light-covid-19>
- v. Marauders
 1. Question of the use and/or appropriateness of the name and use of this mascot.
 2. Moved discussion to more appropriate location than curriculum committee.
- vi. Faculty Senate/UCC Officer Nominations for 2021/22 are open please send nominations to secretary, Ethan Frost.

V. APSCUF Updates

- a. Covered P/F in chairs announcement and discussion. Should be addressed here as a curricular issue.
- b. Incomplete Issue
 - i. Grievance committee is handling a specific issue but broader issue of incompletes and deadline
 - ii. Question of faculty discretion in setting deadlines prior to 10 week incomplete deadlines.
 - iii. Suggestion to clarify this policy and faculty discretion.
 1. "A faculty member has the discretion to establish all deadlines for the incomplete work."
 - iv. Check in with your departments about this.

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. Wubah, President
 - i. COVID-19 Response
 1. Gratitude for all faculty have done to help students especially freshman.
 2. Manageable cases on campus, esp. compared to see updates on dashboard
 3. Thanks for making adjustments to distance learning and Pedagogy+ program
 4. Students writing President, asking for break. Mentions new spring schedules.
 5. 80/20 online/face to face – Spring 2021
 6. Pushing to get colleges as priority groups for vaccine
 - ii. Provost Search
 1. Strong applicant pool, 70+ applicants so far
 2. 12/15 – initial screening, 8-10 interviewed remotely in late December
 3. Mid January ‘campus’ interviews (on/off campus depending on COVID-19 scenario)

4. Decision by 04/2021
- iii. Chancellors Visit
 1. Thanks for participating
 2. He had positive comments after virtual visit
 3. Another visit in the spring semester
- iv. System Integration
 1. PASSHE BOG affirmed 6 uni integration Clarion, CalU, Edi Mansfield, Bloomsberg, Lockhaven
 2. Implementation plan by 04/2021, students accepted starting in the fall
 3. Overall financial outlook at MU is strong.
- v. Other
 1. Public COT meeting next week.
 2. Wish everyone well. Happy Holidays.
- vi. Questions:
 1. Q: Schools that are integrating are faculty being laid off.
 - a. A: Not directly laid off, but right sized with potential combining of programs, faculty and resources.
 - b. Dr. James Delle, Associate Provost
 - i. Covered in other discussions.

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

- a. See weekly CAP announcements.

X. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

- a. Academic Policies (APC) Chairperson: Ankur Nandedkar
 - i. See proposals for consideration
 1. Course Repeats
 - a. Suggesting changes to offer more flexibility of repeating classes.
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Get feedback from departments.
 2. Syllabus
 - a. Lack of a policy on syllabi at MU.
 - b. This was a rough first draft of syllabus policy.
 - c. Need to recognize academic freedom.
 - d. Discussion
 - i. Q: What problem are we trying to solve? What is the scope and depth of the problem.
 - ii. There are syllabus policies at other universities.
- b. Graduate Course & Program Review Committee (GCPRC) – Chair: Leslie Gates
 - i. Voting on two policy items on 12/02 which will come to senate in the spring.
 1. Accelerated policy
 2. Graduate CAP changes

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

- a. None
- XII. Faculty Emeriti Resolutions**
 - a. None
- XIII. Faculty Senate Elections**
 - a. None
- XIV. New Business**
 - a. None

A Bell/Granruth motion to adjourn was approved without dissent at 5:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethan E. Frost
Secretary
University Curriculum Committee (Faculty Senate)

ACTION SUMMARY

Minutes Approved

- 11/17/2020

Undergraduate Course Changes Approved

- (PHIL014) PHIL 381 – Ethical Theories