

**Millersville University**  
**Faculty Senate - Meeting Minutes**  
**11/02/2021**

The meeting was called to order remotely via Zoom at 4:05 p.m. All departments were in attendance except for Accounting and Finance and Interdisciplinary Studies. Dr. Gail Gasparich (Provost), Dr. James Delle (Assoc. Provost), Dr. Tiffany Wright (GCPRC), Dr. Kelly Banna (APSCUF), and Dr. David Henriques (AASD) we also in attendance.

- I. Welcome and Introductions**
- II. Minutes of the Faculty Senate**
  - a. Minutes from the 10/19/2021 were approved via Cardwell/Cook motion without dissent.
- III. Proposed Curricular Frameworks for endorsement**
  - a. None
- IV. Proposed Courses and Programs for approval**
  - a. Consent Agenda
    - i. Undergraduate New Courses
      - 1. MGMT/MKTG052 - Talent Acquisition
      - 2. EME109 - Evidence-based practices for mathematics, literacy, and the content areas for exceptional learners
      - 3. GOVT033 - Politics and Popular Culture
      - 4. COMM098 - Advanced Reporting
      - 5. COMM099 - Feature Writing and Magazine Journalism
      - 6. COMM101 - Ethics in Digital Media Journalism
      - 7. COMM104 - Computer-Assisted Journalism
    - ii. Undergraduate Course Changes
      - 1. EDFN073 - Teaching Positive Social Interactions in Secondary Learning Environments
      - 2. EDFN072 - Formal Assessment for Secondary Education Students with Disabilities
      - 3. EDFN070 - Instructional Technology in Special Education
    - iii. Undergraduate New Programs
      - 1. PHIL011 - Certificate in Ethics & Society
      - 2. ACCT/FIN035 - BS in Finance with a Wealth Management Concentration
      - 3. MGMTMKTG051 - Concentration in Human Resource Management
    - iv. Undergraduate Program Changes
      - 1. None
    - v. Graduate New Courses
      - 1. None
    - vi. Graduate Course Changes
      - 1. None
    - vii. Graduate New Programs
      - 1. None
    - viii. Graduate Program Changes
      - 1. None
  - b. Consent Agenda Discussion

- i. The certificate on Ethic and Society prompted a brief discussion on certificates, the number of credit hours included, and how certificate courses can count towards majors or minors.
- V. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson – Jeri Robinson**
  - a. Announcements
    - i. Faculty Senate Meeting Dates Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 (1st and 3rd Tuesday)
      - 1. November 2nd and 16th
      - 2. February 1st and 15th
      - 3. March 1st and 15th
      - 4. April 5th and 19th
    - ii. GERC Self-Study
      - 1. Dr. Jeff Wimer will be present on 11/16 for more questions.
    - iii. Dr. Wubah, Ms. Kim Auger, and Mr. Steven DiFilipo are attending on 11/16.
- VI. APSCUF Updates**
  - a. Dr. Kelly Banna, APSCUF President
    - i. Electronic student evaluations are being administered the week of 11/15 through ClassClimate. It is the same survey instrument, just new methods. The method was piloted in the spring with good results.
- VII. Report of the Student Government Association**
  - a. None
- VIII. Report of the Graduate Student Association**
  - a. None
- IX. Report of the Administrative Officers**
  - a. Dr. James Delle, Associate Provost
    - i. Announced some personnel changes. The following employees are leaving.
      - 1. Mr. Brian Hazlett - Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
      - 2. Dr. Felicia Brown-Haywood – Chief Diversity Officer
        - a. Dr. Karen Rice will be serving in an interim capacity for critical tasks under this role.
- X. Announcement of new courses, programs or changes to existing courses/program**
  - a. See weekly CAP announcements.
- XI. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committee**
  - a. APC, Chair – Dr. Ankur Nandedkar
    - i. Academic Minor – Policy Discussion
      - 1. A question of: Should students be able to declare a minor without declaring a major? was raised and discussed.
        - a. Background
          - i. Current practice does not allow it even though the policy does not really exclude it.
          - ii. APSCUF’s position is administration can’t enforce a policy that does not exist. Perhaps leave it up to the departments for now or in the future.
          - iii. This was brought forward by academic advisement to potentially help undeclared and exploratory students.
          - iv. This likely impacts a very small # of students.
        - b. Potential Advantages

- i. Undeclared and exploratory students may not know major, but perhaps have already identified a smaller area of interest that would fit with a minor.
      - ii. Potential earlier engagement (and better retention?) with university and curriculum.
      - iii. Earlier potential path towards degree.
    - c. Potential Disadvantages
      - i. Major course of study should be decided first.
      - ii. Minors are often related to majors, why declare minor ahead of major.
      - iii. May delay major declaration.
        - 1. Noted that we still have 45 credit time frame in place.
      - iv. May impact departmental and program health reviews.
        - 1. PASSHE is focus on majors.
        - 2. MU generally focused on students enrolled in courses.
    - d. Senators were asked to review discussion points, data and rationale provided by Dr. David Henriques (AASD) and get feedback from their departments.
  - ii. Transfer Credit – Policy Change
    - 1. Potential change to honors and transfer credit policy was presented.
  - iii. Course Repeats - Policy Change
    - 1. Dr. Nandedkar will send to Dr. Rachel Finley-Bowman for review by registrar.
- b. EDOY, Chair – Dr. Shaun Cook
  - i. Application/Nomination Form - Change
    - 1. Change to nomination form to better reflect new EDOY criteria.
      - a. A Cook/Frost motion to waive two meeting rule was approved without dissent.
      - b. A Cook/Frost motion to approve new form was approved without dissent.
- c. GCPRC, Chair – Dr. Tiffany Wright
  - i. Thesis and Dissertation – Policy Change
    - 1. Policy was revised to include dissertation and scholarly projects. This long overdue policy change that is finally catching up with degree and program changes at MU.
    - 2. Policy will be voted on next meeting, email chair with questions or concerns.

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

- a. None

**XIII. Faculty Emeriti Resolutions**

- a. Dr. Judith Wenrich, Early, Middle, and Exceptional Education passed without dissent via a Hower/Gaudry motion.

**XIV. Faculty Senate Elections**

- a. None

**XV. New Business**

- a. None

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm via a Witmer/Gaudry motion approved without dissent.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ethan E. Frost  
Faculty Senate Secretary

## **ACTION SUMMARY – 11/02/2021**

### *Minutes Approved*

- 10/19/2021

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### *Policies Approved*

1. *EDOY – Nomination Form*

### *Emeriti Resolutions Approved*

1. *Dr. Judith Wenrich, Early, Middle, and Exceptional Education*