

Millersville University
Faculty Senate - Meeting Minutes
03/15/2022

The meeting was called to order remotely via Zoom at 4:05 p.m. All departments were in attendance except for Physics (PHYS) and Interdisciplinary Studies (IDST).

Also in attendance: Dr. Daniel Wubah (President), Dr. Gail Gasparich (Provost), Dr. James Delle (Assoc. Provost), Allison Hutchinson (Registrar), Dr. Tiffany Wright (GCPRC), Dr. Kelly Banna (APSCUF), Dr. Alex Redcay (SOWK), Dr. Victor DeSantis (VP External Affairs and Chief of Staff), Dr. Paul Hanstedt, Washington & Lee University (General Education External Reviewer), Dr. Jeff Wimer (GERC),

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Special Guests

- a. Dr. Wubah (President)
 - i. President Wubah provided updates and announcements on range of topics.
 - 1. COVID-19
 - a. We are still keeping an eye on numbers and conducting symptomatic testing. Look for details on future vaccine clinics.
 - 2. Information Technology has worked to address issues and to disable MFA in classrooms to speed up logins. The network is now segmented to reduce systemic risks.
 - 3. Made in Millersville is 04/12 and will be in hybrid format.
 - 4. Commencements
 - a. May 6th – Graduate
 - b. May 7th – Undergraduate ceremonies in both morning and evening. Students that may have missed graduation ceremonies due are invited.
 - 5. Admissions numbers have rebound to 2018 levels so far this year. There are upcoming preview and admitted students days on campus.
 - 6. Search for a new VP Student Affairs and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer is ongoing.
- b. Dr. Gasparich (Provost)
 - i. Work is continuing to outline the full process for GenEd review.
 - ii. Feedback on learning outcomes will be solicited.
- c. Dr. Hanstedt (GenEd External Reviewer)
 - i. As a part of the general education external review Dr. Hanstedt asked questions and engaged in a dialogue with senate.
 - ii. Q: Tell me about your role as an organization in relation to General Education?
 - 1. Chair Robinson explained Faculty Senate role in University Curriculum Approval process.
 - 2. Brief history of GenEd changes and processes.
 - iii. Q: What is the process for gathering information or for people to vote?
 - 1. Open forums, Q&A sessions, etc.
 - 2. Full faculty process is expected to change GenEd.
 - 3. Provost is developing process.
 - 4. GERC is not on the GenEd task force.
 - 5. Likely a full faculty vote.

- iv. Q: What are the strengths of our General Education program?
 - 1. FYE, UNIV103, Diversity courses
 - 2. A good variety of options for students
 - a. For example not just living in the world as a nurse, but learning the value of other courses and disciplines.
 - 3. Writing
 - a. ENGL110, + 3 writing classes, AW courses
 - b. Seems to be working well.
 - i. Students are improving as time goes by.
 - c. This is a reduction from previous writing requirements.
 - 4. P and D and 200 level courses
 - 5. COMM100
 - a. Importance of communicating and public speaking.
- v. Q: What are the perceived weaknesses of the GenEd program?
 - 1. From GERC focus groups of students
 - a. Perception from faculty that courses outside major are not as critical.
 - 2. We need to do a better job a communicating the relevance and importance of GenEd.
 - 3. Unclear learning objectives in the G block.
 - 4. Not all students get a FYE class. ~40% students take these classes.
 - 5. Balance between courses that serve both majors and general education
 - a. Perhaps segregate these to better serve both groups.
- vi. Q: What is the faculty commitment to GenEd?
 - 1. Somewhat committed.
- vii. Q: What is the degree of faculty wariness to GenEd revision?
 - 1. Very high wariness to GenEd revision.
 - a. Job security concerns
 - b. Dislike of change and impact on advising
 - c. Concern about process and motivation for it.
 - d. Students are looking for less GenEd.
 - e. Need to be mindful of price/cost.
 - 2. Some faculty are open to change.

II. Minutes of the Faculty Senate

- a. Minutes from the 03/01/2022 meeting were approved via Hartman/Blazer motion without dissent.

III. Proposed Curricular Frameworks for endorsement

- a. None

IV. Proposed Courses and Programs for approval

- a. Consent Agenda - approved
 - i. Undergraduate New Courses
 - 1. MUSI066 – The Art of Teaching Modern Band
 - ii. Undergraduate Course Changes
 - 1. CSCI063 - Introduction to Internet Programming
 - iii. Undergraduate New Programs
 - 1. None
 - 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
- V. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson – Jeri Robinson**
 - a. Announcements
 - i. Faculty Senate Meeting Dates Spring 2022 (1st and 3rd Tuesday)
 - 1. April 5th and 19th
 - 2. June TBA
 - b. General Education Review Update
 - i. See above.
- VI. APSCUF Updates**
 - a. Dr. Kelly Banna, APSCUF-MU President
 - i. P and T Open Forums and feedback forum, please join.
- 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. See introductions above.
- 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. Transfer of Credit Policy Update
 - 1. Dr. Nandedkar explained the changes. These are updates that incorporate the new PASSHE transfer policy changes approved previously.
- XII. Reports of the Faculty Senate, Convened Committees, Area or Special Committees**
 - a. None
- XIII. Faculty Emeriti Resolutions**
 - a. Dr. Barry David (AEST) motion (Bowers/Hartmann) approved without dissent.
- XIV. Faculty Senate Elections**
 - a. April committee elections information was announced. Look for list of election seats via email and Ville Daily prior to next meeting.
- XV. New Business**
 - a. None

Meeting adjourned at 5:53pm via a Blazer/Witmer motion approved without dissent.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Ethan E. Frost
 Faculty Senate Secretary

ACTION SUMMARY – 03/15/2022

Minutes Approved

- 03/01/2022

Undergraduate New Courses

1. MUSI066 – The Art of Teaching Modern Band

Undergraduate Course Changes

1. CSCI063 - Introduction to Internet Programming

Emeriti Resolutions

1. Dr. Barry David (AEST)