Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

May 6, 2014

3:00 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter


Recording: Martha Burns

- Annual Election of Officers
  Michael Carter was elected as faculty Senate President with 58 votes. Erika Lewis was elected Vice President with 59 votes. Eve Buzawa was elected Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees with 58 votes. Lisa Abdallah was elected Alternate Representative to the Board of Trustees with 59 votes.

- Minutes of April 7, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting
  A motion was made to accept the April 7, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Ann Marie Hurley)

- Preliminary Proposal for a Master of Science in Business Analytics
Erika Lewis made a motion to accept the proposal. It was seconded by David Lustick and passed unanimously.

- Final Proposal for a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm D) in the College of Health Sciences
  Associate Dean Houde provided an overview indicating that the College will be working with the accrediting agency over the next few years. Erika Lewis made a motion to accept the proposal.

- Proposal to add two options – Integrated Life Sciences and Medical Physics – to the Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology (BMEBT) Ph.D. degree
  Lisa Abdallah made a motion to accept the proposal. It was seconded by Jim Egan and passed unanimously.

The following item was presented for information only and did not require motions.

For Information Only:

- Proposal to update the curriculum in the Department of Physical Therapy

Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Arthur Mittler)

- Proposed revision to admissions requirements for intercollegiate transfer into the College of Engineering
  This proposal standardizes the practice of admission requirements by, like other Departments, requiring minimum grades in technical subjects such as physics, calculus, and chemistry. A motion was made to accept the proposed revised admissions requirements. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal to allow Minors in the BLA Program
  This proposal stipulates that students who major in the BLA program may take a minor outside that program. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal for an undergraduate Certificate in Introduction to Electronic Engineering Technology
  A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal to change the name of the Interdisciplinary Minor “Journalism and Media Studies” to “Digital Media”
  A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal for an undergraduate Certificate in JAVA Development
  A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal to change current Language requirement for Bachelor Arts students
  Associate Dean Nash provided an overview of the proposal indicating that a comparison to our peer institutions resulted in developing a new proposal for BA students. Two tracks will be offered – the “World Ready” track at 15 credits and the “World Language” track at 12 credits. This will be effective September of 2015. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal to for an Interdisciplinary Minor in Climate Change and Sustainability
A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

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- Proposal to modify the undergraduate curriculum in Civil and Environmental Engineering

Library Advisory Committee

- Library Usage Survey
  The audience was informed that a new Library Usage Survey is available with the purpose of getting feedback from faculty and teaching staff.

Other Business

- Summer Business

  A motion was made to allow the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate to make any required decisions during the summer months. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.