Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

November 7, 2016

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Graves


Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting commenced at 3:31 PM.

- Minutes of October 3, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting

A motion was made to approve the October 3, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Athletic Academic Update

Dana Skinner presented the Athletic Academic update. The Athletics Program received a report from the NCAA with no recommendations which is noteworthy. Dana Skinner extended gratitude to Stephen McCarthy for his work as the former Faculty Athletics Representative. He introduced the incoming Faculty Athletics Representative Todd Avery. The Athletics Representative position ensures academic integrity. He also introduced Christine Smith, Associate Athletic Director who works very closely with student athletes, academic units and the intercollegiate Athletics Council.

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Reynaud)

- Proposal to modify the Global Studies Doctoral Program

Jennifer Whitten-Woodring presented the revisions made to the proposal. Arthur Mittler made a motion to accept the proposal. It was seconded by Lisa Abdallah and passed unanimously.

Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

- Proposal to add five concentrations to the B.A. in Psychology
  a. Behavior Analysis
  b. Clinical Psychology
  c. Community Social Psychology
  d. Developmental Disabilities
  e. Health Psychology

Arthur Mittler presented the proposal. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal for a Minor in Portuguese Studies

Arthur Mittler presented this 18 credit minor in Portuguese Studies. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Research and Development Committee (RDC), (Professor Graves)

- Resolution: The Research and Development Committee of the Faculty Senate resolves that Master’s degree candidates be allowed to receive TAs at the discretion of the individual Departments.

Thomas Shea presented this resolution. He noted that the word “resolves” shall be changed to “recommends.” A motion was made to accept the resolution. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Note: This resolution is not a request for additional TA funding, but solely a request for flexibility allocation of TA support to the most deserving graduate candidates as determined by various Departments.

For Information Only/No Vote Necessary

- UPC: Proposal to revise curriculum in the B.S. in Nutritional Sciences

- UPC: Proposal to change requirements in the Labor Studies Interdisciplinary Minor

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.