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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

November 4, 2019

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Graves

Attendees: Leland Ackerson, Reza Ahmadzadeh, Hope Anderson, Onur Apul, Steve Balsis, Sedi Bartz, Michael Black, Clifford Bruell, Bryan Buchholz, Bridgette Budhlall, Jennifer Cadero Gillette, Christopher Carlsmith, Kwok Fan Chow, Matteo Cimini, Ann Dean, Amit Deokar Mignon Duffy, Christodouleas Dionysius, Lisa Edwards, Jennifer Fish, Rebecca Foco, Patricia Fontaine, Tony Gao, Ramraj Gautam, Brenda Geiger, Michael Geiger, Robert Giles, Mary Gormley, Michael Graves, Nilabja Guha, Edward Hajduk, Ingrid Hess, Andrew Hostetler, Beth Humberd, Michelle Hunt, Matthew Hurwitz, Michelle Ichinco, Murat Inalpolat, Neville Jiang, Nicolai Konow, Tunde Kovacs, Ann Kronrod, Scott Lathan, Eunju Lee, Jongsoo Lee, Ben Li, Mufeed Mahd, Marianna Maiaru, Rebecca Markovits, Dalila Megherbi, Katie Miller, Arthur Mittler, James Nehring, Siavash Pakdelian, Kevin Petersen, Thomas Pineros-Shields, Farhad Pourkamali, Pavel Romaniko, Spencer Ross, John Shirley, Shellie Simons, Scott Stapleton, Sang Hyun Suh, Nichalin Summerfield, Anthony Szczesiul, Herpreet Thind, Walter Thomas, Edgar Torres, Brandon Vaccaro, Jianqiang Wei, Jennifer Wilber, David Willis, Thomas Wilson, Wenjin Zhou

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting convened at 3:32 PM.

- October 7, 2019 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to accept the Minutes. The motion passed with 59 in favor, 2 opposed and 3 abstaining.

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

- Proposal for the Salem State University Master's to the University of Massachusetts Lowell's Post Master's DNP Program

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 60 in favor, 4 opposed and 3 abstaining.

- Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis: 5th Edition Coursework

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 68 in favor and 1 abstaining.

- Proposal to change the name of the Master's degree program in the Department of Psychology from "Master of Science in Autism Studies" to the "Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism Studies" and to reduce credits in the degree from 42 to 39 effective Fall 2020

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

- Proposal for a Certificate in Foundations of Computer Science

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion passed with 64 in favor, 3 opposed and 4 abstaining.

- Preliminary Proposal for a M.S. and Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering

Various concerns were raised regarding the program such as how it is different from the current intercampus BMBET program and how the proposal will be accepted by the President's Office and Board of trustees.

A motion was made to table this proposal with concerns being forwarded to the Biomedical Engineering Department for consideration. The motion passed by a show of hands.

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Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC) (Professor Buchholz)

- Proposal for course changes in the Nursing Degree pathway
- Proposal to revise the Ergonomics and Biomechanics Certificate
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Other Business

- James Nehring, College of Education, indicated that it would be helpful to provide more details on the discussions and votes regarding proposals brought forward from UPC and GPAC.
- Anthony Szczesiul, College of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, stated that coordination between the Faculty Senate and the Massachusetts Society of Professors (MSP) may be prudent.
- A discussion took place regarding the new electronic voting system being used by the Faculty Senate. The current system will be utilized at the December 2019 meeting. However, an item will be added to the agenda of that meeting to discuss whether to continue using the electronic voting going forward.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.