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Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2020, 3:30 PM

Virtual

The meeting convened at 3:31 PM.

11_2_20 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes, (President Graves)

A motion was made to accept the 11_2_20 Faculty Senate Minutes. The motion passed with 98 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstaining.

Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees (Professor Koren)

- Online Committee on Academic and Student Affairs (CASA), 11_18_20

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

- Proposal for an Applied Behavior Analysis track in the Applied Psychology and Prevention Science Doctor of Science degree

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 94 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstaining.

Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

- Proposal for a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Engineering Physics

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 86 in favor, 7 opposed and 7 abstaining.

- Proposal to limit the number of credits in which a student can enroll for a winter session

The compressed spring semester is tempting students to attempt more than two courses (6 credits) over winter intercession, but winter session is still packing a full semester's worth of work between Dec. 28- Jan 17 (approximately 3-weeks). Past evidence shows that students who enroll in more than six credits in the winter do not make satisfactory progress. Thus:

A student may not enroll in more than 2 courses (up to 6 credits) for a 3-week winter (December - January) session.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 86 in favor, 5 opposed and 8 abstaining.

GPAC/UPC Co-Resolution

- Military-Connected Student Policy

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 93 in favor, 0 opposed and 7 abstaining.

For Information Only

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

- Proposal to revise the Master of Science in Engineering Management (MSEM)
- Proposal to migrate the Online Master of Business Administration (MBA) courses to an 8-week format

Undergraduate Policy Committee, (Professor Mittler)

- Proposal to revise the Entrepreneurship Concentration in the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Proposal to revise the Community Health/Health Promotion Pathway and the Health Science Pathway in the Public Health degree
- Proposal to revise the Biomedical and Nutritional Science Student Continuation Policies

Other Business

- Library Collection Development Policy
- Pass/No credit policy

For the spring semester 2021, the last day for undergraduate students to withdraw from courses with grade of "W" for regular session and last date to change grade scheme from "Pass-No Credit" to Letter Grade, or Letter Grade to "Pass-No Credit" will be extended to the last day of classes, April 30, 2021.

A motion was made to accept. The motion passed with 87 in favor, 8 opposed and 5 abstaining.

For the spring semester 2021, the last day for graduate students to drop classes with grade of "W" for regular session will be extended to the last day of classes, April 30, 2021.

A motion was made to accept. The motion passed with 89 in favor, 7 opposed and 4 abstaining.

All “F” grades for undergraduate students for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters automatically will be converted to grades of “NC.”

A motion was made to accept. The motion passed with 86 in favor, 9 opposed and 6 abstaining.

UMass-Online/Brandman University update: Statement by Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) President Robert Lublin to the November CASA Committee meeting

The UMass, Lowell Faculty Senate supports the statement made by IFC President Robert Lublin to the CASA committee of the Board of Trustees regarding the acquisition of Brandman University by the UMass System.

A motion was made to accept. The motion passed 82 in favor, 1 opposed and 17 abstaining

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM.