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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

April 3, 2017

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Graves

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah, Michelle Bazin, Michael Black, Bryan Buchholz, Jennifer Cadero-Gillette, Guanling Chen, Timothy Cook, Judith Davidson, Ann Dean, Glenn Dissinger, Heidi Fantasia, Susan Faraji, Jennifer Fish, Patricia Fontaine, Matthew Gage, Jessica Garb, Ramraj Gautam, Michael Geiger, Robert Giles, Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, Nancy Goodyear, Jennifer Gorczyca, Michael Graves, Christopher Hansen, Ashleigh Hillier (for Michelle Haynes Baratz), Javier Horta, Beth Humberd, Murat Inalpolat, Stephen Johnston, Whitley Kaufman (for Jose Mendoza), Alexander Kheifets, Daniel Klain, Tunde Kovacs, Eunju Lee, Cathy Levey, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, Yuansha Li, Karen Lin, Maria Matz, Dalila Megherbi, Kimberly Merriman, Stephen Mishol, Arthur Mittler, Donna Mullin, Michael Myre, Nese Orbey, Charles Ormsby, Robert Parkin, JianHua Qian, Emmanuelle Reynaud, Charlotte Ryan, David Ryan, John Shirley, Katherine Shrieves, Jana Sladkova, Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Sang Hyun Suh, Kate Swanger, Ardeth Thawnghmung, Joel Tickner, Mark Tries, Jenna Vinson, Jennifer Wilber, Miko Wilford, Thomas Wilson, Yuanchang Xie, Yi Yang, Hengyong Yu

Recording: Martha Burns

Faculty Senate President Michael Graves indicated that the meeting would begin a little later to allow for the unexpected room change. The meeting commenced at 3:35 PM.

- Minutes of March 6, 2017 Faculty Senate Meeting

Stephen Johnson made a motion to approve the March 6, 2017 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Lisa Abdallah and passed unanimously.

- Riverhawk Experience Distinction, (Vice Provost Nash)

Vice Provost Nash provided an overview indicating that this endeavor provides a way for students to tell their story. The word “certificate” was not advisable so the planners chose the word “distinction.” A motion was made to support the development of the model and then be submitted to the Undergraduate Policy Committee for review and approval and final approval at a future Faculty Senate Meeting. It was seconded by Erika Lewis and passed unanimously.

- Textbook Update, (Vice Provost Nash)

Vice Provost Nash provided an overview of the current state of costs for textbooks. The cost of textbooks has skyrocketed. Students are finding alternatives to deal with the cost hike. The bookstore is working on an updated on-line order form. Open Text Workshops will be held on April 14, 2017 for faculty to attend to learn about open source text. No motion was necessary.

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

- Proposal for an Education, Communication and Outreach Option in the Master of Science degree in Biological Sciences

Emmanuelle Reynaud provided an overview of the Option. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal for a graduate certificate in Wind Energy Engineering

Emmanuelle Reynaud provided an overview of the Certificate. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal for a graduate certificate in Medical Imaging and Instrumentations, Attachment 6

Emmanuelle Reynaud provided an overview of the Certificate. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal for a curriculum revision in the Biomedical Engineering certificate

Emmanuelle Reynaud provided an overview of the revisions to the Certificate. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal for a name change in the Biomedical Engineering certificate to a Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology certificate

Emmanuelle Reynaud provided an overview of the rationale behind changing the name of the Biomedical Engineering certificate to a Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology certificate. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed with two opposed.

- Proposal to revise the curriculum of the Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Emmanuelle Reynaud provided an overview of the revisions to the curriculum. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

- Proposal to modify degree pathway of the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree

Arthur Mittler provided an overview of the proposal. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal to revise the BLA Music Concentration

Arthur Mittler provided an overview of the proposal. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal to revise the curriculum in the Clinical Science Option and the Medical Laboratory Option in the Bachelor of Science Degree in Clinical Laboratory Sciences

Arthur Mittler provided an overview of the proposal. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Other Business

- Roles of the Senate, the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), and the Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC) in governing academic policy.

The Faculty Senate is responsible for reviewing and approving curricular revisions through the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC) and the Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC).

- Newly elected Faculty Senators attend the May 1, 2017 Senate meeting to begin a two year term ending at the April 2019 Senate meeting. Please update Martha_Burns@uml.edu this week with updated Faculty Senators for your respective department. For those who have submitted newly elected/re-elected Faculty Senators thank you.

Nominations for President, Vice-President, one Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees and one Associate Faculty Representative are due to Martha_Burns@uml.edu by April 7, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM.