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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

February 3, 2020

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Graves

Attendees: Leland Ackerson, Hope Anderson, Balsis, Sedi Bartz, Peter Bender, Clifford Bruell, Bryan Buchholz, Christopher Carlsmith, Kwok Fan Chow, Matteo Cimini, Timothy Crain, Amit Deokar, Mignon Duffy, Christodouleas Dionysius, Lisa Edwards, Daniel Egan, Heidi Fantasiz, Jennifer Fish, Rebecca Foco, Patricia Fontaine, Alice Frye, Huiqi Gan, Tony Gao, Ramraj Gautam, Brenda Geiger, Mary Gormley, Michael Graves, Edward Hajduk, James Heiss, Ingrid Hess, Andrew Hostetler, Maureen Howley, Beth Humberd, Matthew Hurwitz, Michelle Ichinco, Murat Inalpolat, Marian Jandelle, Neville Jiang, Whitley Kaufman, Nicolai Konow, Ainat Koren, Ann Kronrod, Eunju Lee, Jongsoo Lee, Kenneth Lefvasseur, Cathy Levey, Hunter Mack, Mufeed Mahd, Rebecca Markovits, Sara Marks, Dalila Megherbi, Yahayra Michel, Katie Miller, Arthur Mittler, James Nehring, Nese Orbey, Siavash Pakdelian, Kevin Petersen, Thomas Pineros-Shields, Khalilah Reddie, Rocio Rosales, Spender Ross, John Shirley, Shellie Simons, Christopher Skinner, Maureen Stanton, Sang Hyun Suh, Nichalin Summerfield, Herpreet Thind, Walter Thomas, Walter Toomey, Brandon Vaccaro, Jianqiang Wei, Jennifer Wilber, David Willis, Thomas Wilson

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting convened at 3:35 PM.

- 11_4_19 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to accept the Minutes. The motion passed with 66 in favor and two abstaining.

- Update on the status of the Research Infrastructure and Faculty Support (RIFS) Committee in response to campus-wide survey, (Associate Dean Nugent)

Associate Dean Nugent provided an overview.

No motion was necessary.

Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

- Board of Trustees Meeting, 12-18-19, (Professor Hurwitz)

Matt Hurwitz provided an overview of the meeting. He indicated that there is no news regarding online plans.

No motion was necessary.

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

- Proposal to revise course requirements for the M.S. degree in Mathematics

Bryan Buchholz provided an overview.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 66 in favor and two abstaining.

- Proposal to revise the PhD. Education, Option in Research and Evaluation in Education (REE)

Bryan Buchholz provided an overview.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously with 73 in favor.

- Proposal to revise the Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology (BMEBT) M.S.

Bryan Buchholz provided an overview.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 69 in favor and four abstaining.

Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

- Proposal to rename the B.S. in Meteorology to the B.S. in Meteorology and Atmospheric Science

Art Mittler provided an overview.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 72 in favor and one opposed.

- Proposal to rename the BFA in Art, Concentration in Graphic Design to the BFA in Graphic Design

Art Mittler provided an overview.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 72 in favor and one abstaining.

For Information Only

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), Professor Buchholz

- Proposal to revise the list of non-Finance electives for the M.S. in Finance

Bryan Buchholz provided an overview.

No motion was necessary.

- Proposal to revise the M.S. in Environmental Studies, Environmental and Geoscience Option

Bryan Buchholz provided an overview.

No motion was necessary.

Other Business

- Motion: The College of Education (COE) Senators move that the Faculty Senate formally request that the Graduate, Online and Professional Studies (GPS) Division present to the Faculty Senate any plan in progress to develop eight week courses, or anything similar, for implementation across campus, so that the Faculty Senate may make a determination of its relevance to Senate function, (Professors Fontaine, Nehring and Szczesiul),

Patricia Fontaine and James Nehring opened up discussion on the need for active collaboration relative to any plan in progress to develop eight week courses.

The motion passed with 69 in favor, one opposed and three abstaining.

A second motion was made that Graduate Professional Studies (GPS) will work jointly with the Faculty Senate and the Massachusetts Society of Professors (MSP) to create a process to manage curriculum and calendar changes that GPS proposes.

The motion passed with 46 in favor, five opposed and three abstaining.

- Online Course Pilot
- Electronic Voting

A determination was made to continue using electronic voting to tally votes.

No Motion was necessary

For Information

- Centers for Learning and Academic Student Success (CLASS) Relocation
The North Campus location of the Centers for Learning is now in Cumnock Hall Lower Level, Suite 4. It is a beautifully renovated area with increased space for students visiting the Advising Center, the Tutoring Center, and the Testing Center for outstanding academic support.

The South Campus location remains in O'Leary Library First Floor. Fox Hall and the ICC continue to be open at night for tutoring support during the Spring 2020 semester.

- Faculty Senate Elections

The 4-6-20 Faculty Senate meeting marks the final meeting for Faculty Senators whose terms are expiring in 2020. Chairpersons will be notified by Martha Burns regarding conducting departmental elections to re-elect/replace said Faculty Senators.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.