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Faculty Senate Meeting #3 Minutes Monday November 6, 2023 at 3:30 PM • UCC 260

1. A Conversation with Julie Chen

Chancellor Julie Chen came to speak with the Faculty Senate to share campus updates and answer specific questions from our membership. President Kevin Petersen began by asking Senator questions gathered from the previous meeting. We learned that while enrollments are growing, the campus was going to layoff a limited number of staff due to greater budget impacts. In light of the potential [reorganization of Carnegie Research 1 classifications](#), it looks like UML will become R1 in 2025. To build on that momentum, Chancellor Chen noted that the new Graduate School will focus on recruiting, training, and professionalizing research graduate students. She also noted the university's focus on career-connected experiences and her hope to work with Senate to find new interdisciplinary opportunities. Members expressed concern over supporting our struggling students and support for research faculty, and the Chancellor intends to continue engaging Faculty Senate to identify challenges and explore solutions.

2. Minutes from Meeting #2 on October 2, 2023 Motion to approve by Mike Geiger.
[Approved. https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1438/form](https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1438/form)

3. Announcements

- 3.1. **AI Task Force & Interdisciplinary Task Force** (Kevin Petersen). The AI Task Force will have its first meeting this week. We need more volunteers for the Interdisciplinary Task Force.
- 3.2. **Internship Language** (Sal Mazzone). Career Services is working on regulatory language to make it easier for international students to participate in career-connected experiences, when work experience is a required component of a course and an integral part of the curriculum. Kevin Petersen mentioned that Sal and Greg Denon will be invited to UPC and GPAC to further discuss a request for language for course descriptions. Kevin asked those who have experiential learning (internships, coop, whatever it is named in your area) to please bring this back to your departments to find out if there are any key points to be considered.
- 3.3. **Research & Development Committee** (Thomas Shea) The committee voted to change their name to **Research, Production and Performance Committee** to be more

inclusive of the broad range of faculty work on campus. Thomas Shea invited senators from all departments to meet with him. [Approved](#).

- 3.4. **First-Generation Week** (Matt Hurwitz) It's First Gen Week at UML, please show students that you are First Gen or that you support First Gen by wearing the buttons in your classroom and telling your students that you're First Gen.
- 3.5. **SGA Survey** is out, please support the students; encourage students to take the survey

4. **Undergraduate Policy Committee** (Michael Geiger)

- 4.1. **Proposal for a new subplan for an existing plan: B.A. in World Languages & Cultures, French/Italian Option.** There are currently two other programs with this dual-language structure. [Approved](#). <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1213/form>
- 4.2. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: Recommendation for a policy to require a pre-requisite course for 3000/4000-level courses
 - 4.2.1. UPC consistently asks for a pre-requisite course for 3000/4000-level courses and voted to recommend a formal policy. Michael Geiger presented for discussion the proposal and asked senators to bring the issue back to their departments for discussion and feedback. To share your feedback with UPC, please use this [anonymous survey link](#)

4.3. FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- 4.3.1. Changed approved electives:
 - B.A. in Political Science, American Politics
 - B.A. in Political Science, International Relations and Comparative Politics
 - B.A. in Political Science, Sustainability and Environmental Politics
 - B.A. in Political Science, Law & Politics
 - B.A. in Political Science, Political Communication and Public Opinion
 - Minor in Gender Studies

5. **Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee** (Scott Latham)

5.1. **Proposals to remove GRE Admissions requirements:**

- 5.1.1. **M.S. & PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences** – [Approved](#).
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1375/form>
- 5.1.2. **PhD in Applied Psychology & Prevention Science** – [Approved](#).
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1376/form>
- 5.1.3. **Select M.S. Programs in FCOE** – [Approved](#).
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1387/form>
 - M.S. Mechanical Engineering
 - M.S. Energy Engineering (Renewable)
 - M.S. Industrial Engineering
 - M.S. Plastics Engineering
 - M.S. Civil Engineering

5.2. Proposals to change name of program:

- 5.2.1. **Graduate Certificate in Urban Education becomes Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion for Educators – [Approved](#).**
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1383/form>

5.3. Proposals to change name of program & elevate a subplan to a plan:

- 5.3.1. **MPH Public Health, Dietetics Option becomes MPH in Dietetics – [Approved](#).**
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1306/form>
- 5.3.2. **MPH Public Health, Epidemiology Option becomes MPH in Epidemiology – [Approved](#).** <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1308/form>
- 5.3.3. **MPH Public Health, Healthcare Management Option becomes MPH in Healthcare Management – [Approved](#).**
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1309/form>
- 5.3.4. **MPH Public Health, Social and Behavioral Sciences Option becomes MPH in Social and Behavioral Sciences – [Approved](#).**
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:1310/form>

6. Roundtable Working Groups: Next steps after conversation with Julie Chen

- 6.1. [Faculty Senate Suggestion Box](#)

Next: Faculty Senate Meeting #4 on Monday December 4, 2023 in UCC-260 (Moloney Hall)

[Meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm.](#)