

**Faculty Senate Minutes
September 5, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Athletics, Physics, and Sociology & Anthropology.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the June 6, 2017 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as written.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

NEW GRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) ART 566: Collage, 3 credits. Proposal for course that reviews history of collage as a media for fine art was approved without dissent.

CHANGES TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES & PROGRAMS

- (1) _____ was approved without dissent.

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III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Chair Walsh welcomed senators, led introductions, and offered to meet with new senators or committee chairs that would like. She announced meeting dates for 2017-2018 and invited senators to contact her about campus initiatives that might be invited to give updates at our meetings. Chair Walsh also reminded senators of opportunities to review the PASSHE NCHEMS report or meet with chair of the President Search Committee to provide faculty perspective on campus direction. Ms Ann Womble, the search chair, has an office on campus and is hosting a September 15 drop-in event. The faculty members of the search committee are Drs. Ken Smith and Chris Hardy.

IV. Report of the Student Senate

None

V. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VI. Report of the Administrative Officers

President

President Anderson reminded faculty of convocation this week and reported on the current budget, enrollment, and anticipated campus relief responses to Hurricane Harvey.

Provost

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IX. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

X. Faculty Emeriti

Discussion was held regarding the definition of emeritus status. The requirement of 10 years of continuous service might be interpreted as referring only to full-time, tenured faculty. However, it was noted that faculty with other long-term service assignments have been previously approved and exceptions could be allowed as warranted. Dean's Council will consider clarifying language in the policy.

XI. Committee Elections

Robinson

XII. Other/New Business

Senator Sciarretta announced changes to the Early Alert system to engage faculty in helping identify struggling students for intervention. He especially noted an increase in attrition for freshmen before the spring semester. Mr. Sciarretta noted that faculty can submit alerts at any time now, and monitoring will happen on an ongoing basis. He also highlighted that any student can be flagged by faculty but that exploratory students, high-risk students, and athletes are a priority. Mr. Sciarretta also reminded faculty that concerns about a student's safety or security should be directed to Police, Counseling, or Student Affairs as relevant.

Action Summary:

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