

Faculty Senate Minutes
September 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. All departments were in attendance except Athletics, Interdisciplinary Studies, Physics, and Sociology & Anthropology.

I. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the September 4, 2018 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved with corrections.

II. Proposed Courses and Programs

None

III. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Chair Walsh offered to assist new senators or Faculty Senate committee members and chairs with getting acclimated to responsibilities of their position. Committees are urged to stay in touch with Dr. Walsh regarding their activity throughout the year. She and Senator A. Miller are working with the administration to make sure changes to governance and policy documents made at Senate get posted online for general access. Any committees planning to update their own documents are encouraged to contact Dr. Miller for help with format and tracking.

Dr. Walsh reported on Chancellor Greenstein's visit to campus and his generally optimistic and enthusiastic perspective on working with faculty and campus constituents to move PASSHE forward. It was noted that Millersville structures and practices in many areas can be good models. Important questions posed by Dr. Greenstein relate to understanding our student population and thinking about how practices meet their needs. It was noted that Dr. Greenstein's videographer is a Millersville alum.

IV. Report of the APSCUF President

President K. Smith indicated that Chancellor Greenstein plans to attend the state APSCUF assembly and is appointing faculty to committees. Dr. Smith encouraged interested faculty to help with float decorating on October 11 or to march in the Millersville Parade on October 13.

V. Report of the Student Government Association

SGA President Tintera reported that the Student Senate has changed its name and logo and is revising its structure to better meet campus needs. He also reported on the Peace of Mind project discussing grace and the Big Event that will provide service opportunities within Millersville. Mr. Tintera also commented on safety discussions related to the

recent traffic accident involving two MU student pedestrians. Discussions on campus and with Millersville Borough are addressing related safety concerns.

VI. Report of the Graduate Student Association

None

VII. Report of the Administrative Officers

Provost

Provost Prabhu commented on the passion for education Chancellor Greenstein demonstrates and the collaboration required to determine how to meet the needs of our diverse student population.

Dr. Prabhu also warned faculty of the critical nature of accurate reporting on student attendance in classes at the various semester check points. Federal government funding could be in jeopardy if faculty fail to comply with timely reporting. Faculty were

Senator Dreon shared sub-committee rosters for the upcoming year and reminded ENGL, COMT, AEST, CHEM, LATS, and CSCI that recertification requests are due October 24.

EYSC

The Educator of the Year Selection Committee will convene soon to begin work to identify an Educator of the Year for 2019.

X. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

None

XI. Faculty Emeriti

None

XII. New Business

Senator Sciarretta reminded faculty to use the Early Alert for triggering academic intervention, reporting on athlete academics, and notifying the Registrar of non-attendance cases. He emphasized the use when students are missing classes or unresponsive to faculty contact.

It was reported that a new form is in place for students to change their major by contacting only the new department for approval. Some senators expressed concerns about this new approach.

The Registrar's Office reported good enrollments for the fall semester.

Senator Woodall invited faculty, staff, or administration to contact him if interested in filling open spots in the WIXQ schedule.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee L. Miller
Faculty Senate Secretary

Action Summary:

The minutes of the September 4, 2018 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved with corrections.

The proposal to dissolve the Admissions, Advisement, & Student Affairs, Cultural Affairs, and Faculty-Student Athletics committees was approved without dissent.