

Millersville University
University Curriculum Committee
(Faculty Senate)
Meeting Minutes
12/01/2020

The meeting was called to order remotely via Zoom at 4:05 p.m. All departments were in attendance with the exception of Accounting and Finance, Counseling and Human Development, Economics, Interdisciplinary Studies, Music, and Philosophy.

- I. Minutes of the Faculty Senate
 - a. A Granruth/Cook motion to approve the minutes of the 11/7/2020 meeting of the Faculty Senate was approved without dissent.
- II. Proposed Curricular Frameworks for endorsement
 - a. None
- III. Proposed Courses and Programs for approval
 - a. Consent agenda The following new and changed courses and programs were approved without dissent.
 - i. Undergraduate Course Changes
 1. (PHIL014) PHIL381 – Ethical Theories
 - ii. Undergraduate New Courses
 1. None
 - iii. Undergraduate Program Changes
 1. None
 - iv. Graduate New Courses
 1. None
 - v. Graduate Program Changes
 1. None
 - vi. Graduate New Programs
 1. None
- IV. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson
 - a. Chair Jeri Robinson
 - i. Faculty Senate Meeting Dates Spring 2021 (1st and 3^d Tuesday)
 1. February 2 and 16
 2. March 2 and 16
 3. April 6 and 20
 4. May 4
 5. June tba
 - ii. Spring 2021 Academic Calendar Schedule
 1. First day of classes Wednesday, January 20
 2. Breaks will occur on:
 - a. Monday, February 15
 - b. Wednesday, March 10
 - c. Thursday, April 1

- d. Friday, April 2
 - 3. Last instructional day is Monday, May 3
 - 4. Finals will begin on May 4 and conclude on May 7
- iii. Pass/Fail option implementation background for Fall 2020.
 - 1. Appears same as spring policy.
 - 2. There was an upswell of concern from students and student government across PASSHE and other universities.
 - 3. Provost requested meeting with union to discuss
 - 4. Survey to faculty (close to even) and adjustment to ideal process give the rushed timeline.
 - 5. Underlying grade will be used for prerequisite and course sequence requirement.
 - 6. Advising students to talk to advisors before making decisions regarding P/F.
 - 7. Questions and Discussion:
 - a. Q: Concern that we should consider a more student friendly policy, example of West Chester.
 - i. Some of this was discussed at dean's council and was thought to try to work within existing systems and policies.
 - b. Q: Was this imposed on us (faculty)?
 - i. Yes.
 - c. Q: Is it the traditional role of APC? Can they review?
 - i. Yes, but short timeline and not experts, would be good to incorporate existing institutional knowledge from fall implementation team. s
 - 8. Pass/Fail data for Fall 2020
 - a. Data from Alison Hutchinson on course and university withdrawals for Fall 2020
 - b. Single course W (2020): 1,293 (v. 2019 total: 993)
 - c. # of students W from classes (2020): 662 (v. 2019: 839)
 - d. Complete W from MU (2020): 182 (v. 2019: 109)
 - e. Leave of Absence (2020): 169 (v. 2019: 18)
 - f. Took P/F in spring: 1,048 students, ~16% (in 1,827 courses, ~6%)
 - g. No issues with athletic eligibility
 - 9. APC will try to take this up in last meeting.
- iv.

3. <https://www.insidehighered.com>

- 4. Decision by 04/2021
 - iii. Chancellors Visit
 - 1. Thanks for participating
 - 2. He had positive comments after virtual visit
 - 3. Another visit in the spring semester
 - iv. System Integration
 - 1. PASSHE BOG affirmed 6 uni integration Clarion, CalU, Edi Mansfield, Bloomsberg, Lockhaven
 - 2. Implementation plan by 04/2021, students accepted starting in the fall
 - 3. Overall financial outlook at MU is strong.
 - v. Other
 - 1. Public COT meeting next week.
 - 2. Wish everyone well Happy Holidays.
 - vi. Questions:
 - 1. Q: Schools that are integrating are faculty being laid off.
 - a. A: Not directly laid off, but right sized with potential combining of programs, faculty and resources.
 - b. Dr. James Delle, Associate Provost
 - i. Covered in other discussions
- IX. Announcement of new courses, programs or changes to existing courses/program
 - a. See weekly CAP announcements
- X. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Policies (APC) Chairperson: Ankur Nandedkar
 - i. See proposals for consideration
 - 1. Course Repeats
 - a. Suggesting changes offer more flexibility of repeating classes.
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Get feedback from departments.
 - 2. Syllabus
 - a. Lack of a policy on syllabi at MU.
 - b. This was a rough first draft of syllabus policy
 - c. Need to recognize academic freedom.
 - d. Discussion
 - i. Q: t. Td ()Tj (d)1 (e)-0.9 (d)0.36 >>BDC

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