

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2015
Library Rooms 209 A&B

Dr. Lehr called the meeting order at 3:20 and thanked the Library for providing snacks. The following members were present:

Dr. Ayse Balas	Dr. Jacqueline Hall	Ms. Suzy Palmer
Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais	Mr. Jeff Halliday	Dr. Kenneth Perkins
Dr. Stephanie Buchert	Dr. David Hardin	Dr. Jeannine Perry
Dr. David Buckalew	Ms. Amanda McClellan	Dr. Tim Pierson
Dr. Phillip Cantrell	Dr. Susan Lynch	Dr. Sarah Porter
Dr. Mary Carver	Dr. David Magill	Dr. Chris Register
Dr. Paul Chapman	Dr. Brett Martz	Dr. Sean Ruday
Dr. Audrey Church	Dr. Sara Miller	Dr. Leah Shilling-Traina
Ms. Cynthia Crews	Dr. Jake Milne	Dr. Chris Swanson
Dr. Kevin Doyle	Dr. Kelly Nelson	Dr. Meg Thompson
Ms. Hannah Fielder	Dr. Kristen Nugent	

Those not present were Dr. Jennifer Apperson, Mr. Ken Copeland, Dr. Alix Fink. Also present were Ms. Joanna Baker, Ms. Kathy Charleston, Ms. Jessica Darst, Mr. Jeff Everhart, Ms. Constance Gardner, Dr. Jennifer Green, Ms. Dot Lockaby, Ms. Vicki Palmer, Ms. Rebecca Patt, Ms. Sharon Perutelli, Ms. Jenny Quarles, Mr. Harrison Waddell, Dr. Charles White, Ms. Leighan Worden.

The minutes from the previous meeting were corrected and approved.

For EPC, Dr. Abrams moved approval of a change in credit hours for BIOL 492, 494 and 496 so that those courses can be taken for 1-5 credits instead of 1-4. The motion **passed**. He moved approval of the following changes in Curriculum Forms: First, change "Semester of Implementation" to "Catalog Year of Implementation" on all forms. Second, insert the statement, "A change to the title or course number on this form implies that title or course number will change anywhere it occurs in the catalog" to appear at the end of the last page before the signatures on all curriculum change forms. The motion **passed**. He moved approval of the change in policy regarding who can march at graduation to state, "Students who are in good academic standing with the university, have seven (7) or fewer academic credits remaining for completion of their degree, and have enrolled in the courses required for graduation for the subsequent summer or fall academic semesters shall be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. Those students who have seven (7) credit hours or fewer remaining to complete their degree must also receive approval from their department chair and the registrar in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Diplomas will be mailed to students normally within eight weeks of commencement or the completion of their degree requirements."

Dr. Porter moved to amend by inserting "or 1 course" after "seven (7) or fewer academic credits" to accommodate students who may have 1 course that exceeds seven credits such as students in a degree program pursuing teaching licensure. The motion was seconded. There was considerable discussion that included statements from current students in favor of the policy change, concern from Graduate and Professional Studies that the new policy apply to graduate students as well and concern from Modern Languages that a student in their last semester may have remaining foreign language requirements that exceed seven credits **and** 1 course. Dr. Hall moved to further amend the policy by adding "and" before the word "or" in the statement, "have enrolled in the courses required for graduation for the subsequent summer or fall academic semesters. The amended policy states, "Students who are in good academic standing with the university, have seven (7) or fewer academic credits **or one course** remaining for the completion of their degree, and have enrolled in the courses required for graduation for the subsequent summer **and/or** fall academic semesters shall be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. Those students who have seven (7) credit hours or fewer or one course remaining to complete their degree must also receive approval from their department chair and the registrar in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Diplomas will be mailed to students normally within eight weeks of commencement or the completion of their degree requirements."

The motion was seconded. The motion passed. Dr. Lehr called for a voice vote on the amended policy change. The motion as amended **passed** with 1 opposed. Dr. Milne then moved for Dr. Perkins to authorize making this policy change retroactive to the 2014-2015 University Catalogue. The motion **passed**.

Dr. Lehr called on Dr. White to report on the Finance and Planning Committee. It was noted that the original 5% spending reduction in FY 15 and 7% in FY 16 for all state schools was reduced to 2.2%. Budget priorities were reviewed as well as UPC update. A budget meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 26.

Dr. Lehr called on Ms. Suzy Palmer to introduce new Librarians, Ms. Dot Lockaby and Ms. Vicki Palmer.

Under new business, Dr. Lehr announced that an e-mail went out campus wide regarding the PVPAA search that included instructions for participating in a Canvas course. The course includes information on each candidate and will include their schedules while on campus. Everyone on campus is highly encouraged to participate in the Canvas course, attend each candidate's presentation and provide input via Survey Monkey.

Dr. Lehr talked about upcoming work of the Senate:

- Canvas use across campus and how to increase use among faculty. About 30% of courses are not on Canvas.
- The new Quality Matters rubric for online courses.
- Revising the content of student course evaluations.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Perutelli