

Faculty Senate Minutes

October 15, 2014

1. Call to order

Amitabha Bose called the regular meeting of the Faculty Senate at 2:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

The following voting members were present: M. Bieber, D. Blackmore, A. Bose, D. Bunker, Y. Ding, G. Esperdy, J. Federici, I. Gatley, M. Khader, A. Klobucar, N. Maher, E. Michalopoulou, A. Rosato, A. Schuman, L. Simon, A. Sohn, C. Sylla, and S. Tricamo.

The following non-voting members or others were present: B. Baltzis, S. Brito, J. Campbell, F. Deek, A. Dhawan, M. Guibault, K. Kramer (for E. Bishof) S. Patel, R. Sweeney, D. Ullman and J. Vito.

3. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

The minutes from the October 1 meeting were approved.

4. Reports:

Committee on Undergraduate Education (CUE) – R. Rockland gave an overview of the October 6, committee meeting. He reported on changes in the IS department curriculum, and the impact it has on other departments. He reported on a discussion regarding part time students and Physical Education requirements. The discussion will continue in November 2014.

A motion to approve the CUE report was unanimously approved.

A further discussion about transmission of CUE and CGE approved changes to the registrar occurred. It was agreed that once the FS approved the CUE/CGE reports, they would be forwarded to the Provost's office for final transmission to the registrar.

5. Discussion on Grade Appeal Policy

E. Michalopoulou explained the new changes in the Grade Appeal Policy. She stated that no comments were emailed to the committee until the last hour. J. Vito and J. Campbell gave an overview of changes that the students would like to see in the policy. There was a discussion on the policy regarding comments about the student's request. A motion was made and seconded to, "table the approval vote on the Grade Appeal

Policy until November 5, 2014.” The motion was approved with (2-opposed and 2-absention)

All comments, concerns, changes regarding the policy should be emailed to E. Michalopoulou and C. Sylla by Wednesday October 29.

6. Research Office

A. Dhawan informed the senate that there are 43 faculty members on the Research Advisory Board. He spoke on the mission statement and changes that would help faculty obtain research grants. A research workshop was held on Tuesday, October 14; 48 students made presentations.

7. Institute Faculty Meeting (October 29, 2014)

Bose asked the senate members what agenda items should go before the faculty. The following items were mentioned: the New Course Evaluation, Academic Hiring policy, Grade Appeal, a quick overview of the critical issues the senate is working on, and an overview of the Shared Governances Structure. The agenda will be ready for approval at the October 22, Faculty Senate meeting.

8. New Business

Bose informed the senate of the tentative dates for the 2015 Spring Faculty Senate meeting. The Registrar Office has been informed of the schedule, which will return to Thursday at 11:30 – 1:30.

9. The meeting adjourned at 4.30 p.m.