

Faculty Senate Minutes

December 11, 2014

1. Call to order

Amitabha Bose called the regular meeting of the Faculty Senate at 10:05 am.

2. Roll Call

The following voting members were present: D. Blackmore, A. Bose, D. Bunker, Y. Ding, G. Esperdy, J. Federici, H. Grebel Gatley, B. Hunter, M. Khader, A. Klobucar, N. Maher, Y. Perl, Z. Qiu, A. Rosato, A. Schuman, Y. Shi, L. Simon, A. Sohn, C. Sylla, and S. Tricamo.

The following non-voting members were present: B. Baltzis, C. Brooks, K. Kramer, S. Brito, C. Fey, M. Guilbault, K. Passerini, S. Patel, R. Sweeney, D. Ullman and J. Vito.

3. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

The minutes from the November 19, 2014 meeting were approved.

4. Reports:

Committee on Undergraduate Education (CUE) – R. Rockland gave an overview of the December 8, committee meeting. There were minor changes in Chemistry that were approved by the committee. A brief discussion occurred on students receiving a “C” or higher in Chemistry prerequisites courses. The committee approved the ACS required course as a voluntary course. A motion to approve the CUE report was unanimously approved.

Committee on Assessment – Charles Brooks reported on College wide, departmental based assessment and self-assessment plans in the context of yearly reports and the 5 year degree program review,

Assessment will focus on student learning outcomes, which is presently articulated for only 20% of courses want to achieve 100%. The report will have approval/agreement from department committee, department chair, faculty senate, college committee, dean and the Provost before going to the Assessment Committee.

5. Committee on Center Review – Professor Federici informed faculty senate that the committee will be comprised of 7 faculty, 4 of whom are chosen by Faculty Senate. Professors Federici, Rosato and Bunker will serve on

a sub-committee that will choose 4 faculty to serve on the Center Review Committee.

6. Vice Provost Search Committee for Research – Professor Bose informed faculty senate members that the Provost needs 12 recommendations of which 4 must be Distinguish Faculty to serve on this committee. The senate members agreed the Executive Committee would handle the recommendations.
7. 2020 Vision Plan Motion – Professor Bose read the motion to the members. A motion was made and seconded. After discussion a friendly amendment to the original motion was made and seconded. Friendly amendment, “this action should not be construed as opposing the total content of the plan but rather the process followed in generating the final document”. Faculty Senate voting members approved the motion.
Approve – 20, Oppose – 1, Abstain - 2
8. **New Business**
Professor Schuman informed senate members that certain changes to the Health Care laws could possibly affect Adjuncts.
9. **The meeting adjourned at 12.15 p.m.**