

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

February 7, 2000

Minutes

SENATORS EXCUSED: David Ames, Thomas Evrard, Michael Ferrari, T. W. Fraser Russell, Frederick Getze, Jeffrey Jordan, Cliff Keil, Sherry Kitto, Charles Mason, John Nye, Rivers Singleton, Karen Stein, David Teague, Satoshi Tomioka, Carolyn Thoroughgood, Tuncay Saydam,

SENATORS ABSENT: Kim Franchino, Jay Hildebrandt, John Hurt, Paul Mettler, Dan Mott, George Watson

I ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with minor changes. Additional documentation was provided in the Senate voting cards for the Earth Science Education major and the Leadership minor. Also Item 5 in the Announcements for Challenge was corrected to read Entrepreneurship. Jon Olson moved to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Beth Haslett.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the December 6, 1999 meeting of the Senate were approved as distributed.

III. REMARKS BY PROVOST SCHIAVELLI

There were no remarks by Provost Schiavelli

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mark Huddleston announced that there were no course challenges for next year's catalog. He noted that if department program revisions did not make the February agenda to look for them on the March agenda. President Huddleston reminded senators of the Open Meeting for the General Education Program to be held on February 16 in 127 Memorial Hall at 1:30 p.m. He asked that senators pass this information on to their colleagues. In addition, he noted that this information can also be seen on the Faculty Senate home page. <www.udel.edu/facsen/reports/genedrpt1.htm>

The following announcements for challenge for unanimously approved.

1. Revision of Communication major, College of Arts and Science
2. Proposed concentration within the Department of English, Creative Writing, College of Arts and Science
3. Revision to the MFA in Theatre, College of Arts and Science
4. Revision to the graduate program in Geology, College of Arts and Science
5. Change of name from Economics for Educators to Economics and Entrepreneurship for Educators, College of Business and Economics
6. Revision to the Master of Arts in Foreign Language and Literatures and the Master of Arts in Foreign Languages and Pedagogy, College of Arts and Science
7. Change of name of the MBA concentration from Technology and Innovation Management to Innovation Management, College of Business and Economics
8. Revision to the Anthropology Education major
9. Deletion of the fibers discipline, illustration discipline, and the metals discipline from the BA, the BFA in Fine Arts and the Art minor. Addition of the illustration discipline to the BFA in Visual Communications
10. Revision to the Biology Education major
11. Revision to the Chemistry Education major
12. Revision to the BA and BS majors in Computer and Information Sciences
13. Revision to the Earth Science major
14. Revision to the Economics BS and BA (Business & Economics) and

the BA (Arts & Science) majors; establishment of two concentrations:

Economic Theory and Econometrics; Applied Economics

15. Revision to the Economics Education major

16. Revision to the English Education major

17. Revision to the Environmental Science major

18. Revision to the Foreign Language Education majors (French, German, Latin, Italian, Russian, and Spanish Education)

19. Revision to the Geography Education major

20. Revision to the Geology BA major

21. Revision to the Geology BS major

22. Geology BS major--add concentration in Paleobiology

23. Geology BA major--delete concentration in Paleobiology

24. Geology BS major--add concentration in Geophysics

25. Revision to the Geology minor

26. Revision to the History Education major

27. Add concentration in Classics--Latin Education major

28. Revision to the Mathematics Education major

29. Revision to the Nursing major

30. Revision to the Philosophy major

31. Revision to the Physics Education major

32. Revision to the Political Science major

33. Recommendation to establish five concentrations in the Political Science major--American Government, Global Studies, Politics and Journalism, Public Law, Public Policy and Public Administration

34. Revision to the Political Science majors--French, German, or Spanish

35. Revision to the Political Science minor

36. Revision to the Public Administration minor

37. Revision to the Political Science Education major

38. Revision to the Psychology Education major

39. Revision to the Sociology Education major

40. Revision to the Sociology major--Health Services concentration

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. A recommendation to establish a minor in Leadership, College of Human Resources, Education, and Public Policy was unanimously approved.

Whereas the proposal from the Department of Consumer Studies to offer a minor in Leadership has the written support of 18 departments/programs on campus, and

Whereas the proposed curriculum was developed with the assistance of 15 faculty, representing four colleges and 10 academic units, and

Whereas the required courses proposed for the minor have already served over 300 students from 6 colleges and 33 different majors, and

Whereas the courses were perceived as valuable learning experiences, as measured by student evaluation, and

Whereas the Department of Consumer Studies and the College of Human Resources, Education and Public Policy have committed significant financial and faculty resources towards the development and implementation of the proposed curriculum, and will continue to commit such resources to support all aspects of the proposed minor, be it therefore

Resolved that the minor in Leadership be established in the Department of Consumer Studies.

B. A recommendation for permanent status of the Master of Music Degree Program was unanimously approved.

Whereas the Master of Music degree program has met or exceeded all of the expectations set forth in the proposal to establish the program, and

Whereas the Master of Music degree program meets all standards of the National Association of Schools of

Music, be it therefore

Resolved that the Master of Music degree program be granted permanent status.

C. Recommendation to discontinue the International Honors Certificate, Department of Foreign Languages and Literature was unanimously approved.

Whereas since its inception very few students have shown interest in, or qualified for, this recognition, and

Whereas the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, the Department of Political Science and International Relations, and the University Honors Program, concur on a proposal to discontinue the awarding of the International Honors Certificate, be it therefore

Resolved that the International Honors Certificate is hereby disestablished.

D. Recommendation for permanent status of the Master of Arts with a major in Economics for Educators degree program, College of Business and Economics

Whereas the Master of Arts degree program with a major in Economics continues to exist as a thriving, active, degree program, be it therefore

Resolved that the master of Arts degree program with a major in Economics for Educators be granted permanent status.

E. After brief discussion, recommendation for changes to the election procedure for officers of the Faculty Senate was approved.

Whereas officers of the Faculty Senate primarily serve apolitical managerial functions on behalf of the faculty, and

Whereas in consequence no meaningful Acampaigns@ can be conducted for election to Senate offices, and

Whereas Senators therefore have no basis in policy to make choices between alternative candidates, and

Whereas the usual difficulty in recruiting qualified candidates for Senate offices is compounded by the knowledge of would-be candidates that one may be defeated in an election that bears no certain relation to one's fitness for office, and

Whereas both the Constitution of the Faculty and the charge to the Committee on Committees and Nominations are silent on the question as to whether elections for Senate offices must be contested, be it therefore

Resolved that the Committee on Committees and Nominations be directed to nominate and make public the name of no more than one person for each elected position (President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Chair of the Committee on Committees and Nominations) no later than the April Senate meeting of each year. Any faculty member may then within one week nominate himself or herself or another eligible member of the faculty (with that faculty member's consent) as an opposing candidate for any one office. The candidates for the office of President-elect are expected to write a statement of goals. The resulting elections, contested or not, are to be held as usual during the May Senate meeting.

F. Recommendation to disestablish the Geophysics B.S. was unanimously approved.

Whereas the Geology Department has undertaken a major overhaul of its curricula, and

Whereas there have been few students pursuing the BS in Geophysics, and

Whereas Geophysics is being more appropriately located as a concentration under the BS in the Geology major, be it therefore

Resolved that the BS in Geophysics is hereby disestablished.

G. Recommendation for provisional approval for a new B.S. major in Mathematics and Economics, College of Arts and Science was unanimously approved.

Whereas many students wish to obtain a degree in Economics with a strong background in Mathematics, and

Whereas rigorous study of both disciplines is solid preparation for graduate school in either Economics or Mathematics, and

Whereas the Department of Economics (College of Business and Economics) and the Department of Mathematical Sciences (College of Arts & Science) have collaborated enthusiastically in developing this proposal, be it therefore

Resolved that a BS major in Mathematics and Economics be established provisionally for four years in the College of Arts and Science.

VII, INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS:

There were no outstanding items of new business. President Huddleston asked if there were proposed items of new business, reminding the Senate that such proposed items could not be acted upon until the next meeting. Hearing no proposed new business, the meeting was adjourned 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Girardi for
Karen F. Stein, Secretary
University Faculty Senate

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