

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

SUMMARY OF AGENDA

May 6, 2002

I. Adoption of the Agenda

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Senate Meeting of April 8, 2002

III. Election of Senate Officers, President Elect, Secretary, one member of the Committee on Committees and Nominations, COCAN, Chair. [Note: A slate of nominees prepared by the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Michael Keefe, Chairperson) is presented in Attachment 1. Biographies of the nominees are presented in Attachment 2. Senators are reminded that additional nominations may be made from the floor and that senators making such nominations are responsible for determining that a nominee would serve if elected.] ([Slate of Nominees](#), [President Elect Statement](#), [M. Keefe](#), [L. Goldstein](#), [President Elect Form](#), [Vice President Form](#))

IV. **Remarks:** Acting Provost Dan Rich

V. **Announcements:** Senate President James Richards

VI. **Consent Agenda**

A. Announcement for Challenge

1. Request from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Kenneth Koford, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Jay Hildebrandt, Chair) for creation of Honors B.S. in Mathematics and Economics ([Attachment](#))
2. Request from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Kenneth Koford, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Jay Hildebrandt, Chair) for creation of concentration “Women in Global Perspective” in Women’s Studies ([Attachment](#))
3. Request from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Kenneth Koford, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Jay Hildebrandt, Chair) for revision to existing concentration in Mechanical Engineering ([Attachment](#))
4. Request from the Committee on Graduate Studies (Roberta Golinkoff, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Jay Hildebrandt, Chair) for change of name from Biopsychology to Behavioral Neuroscience in Psychology Department ([Attachment](#))

5. Request from the Committee on Graduate Studies (Roberta Golinkoff, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Jay Hildebrandt, Chair) for revision to the major programs in Linguistics ([Attachment](#))
6. Request from the Committee on Graduate Studies (Roberta Golinkoff, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Jay Hildebrandt, Chair) for revision to M.S. in Individual and Family Studies and Ph.D. in Family Studies ([SummaryMS Checklist](#), [PhD Checklist](#))
7. Request from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Kenneth Koford, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Jay Hildebrandt, Chair) for extension for permanent status to the major in Latin American Studies ([Attachment](#))
8. Request from the Committee on Graduate Studies (Roberta Golinkoff, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Jay Hildebrandt, Chair) for revision to the candidacy examination policy for majors in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics leading to the Ph.D. ([Mathematics](#), [Applied Mathematics](#))

B. Resolution

1. Request from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Kenneth Koford, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Jay Hildebrandt, Chair) for the creation of new minor in Computational Biology, Department of Biology ([Attachment](#))

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Whereas this has led to the new field of bioinformatics, which bridges the disciplines of Computing and Life Sciences, and

Whereas while graduate programs have expanded nationally, most undergraduate programs have ignored these changes, and

Whereas this proposal is for the minor in bioinformatics offered by the Department of Computer and Information Sciences, and the Computational Biology minor is being proposed by the Department of Biology, and

Whereas the Computational Biology minor will focus majors in Computer and Information Sciences, Chemical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and give these students the biological sciences background necessary to design bioinformatics tools, while the Bioinformatics minor will focus on the Life Sciences majors (Biochemistry, Biological Sciences,

Animal and Food Sciences, Plant and Soil Sciences) and give them the computing skills needed to access and manipulate information stored in public databases, be it therefore

Resolved that the minors in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics be established.

2. Request from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Kenneth Koford, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Jay Hildebrandt, Chair) for the creation of new minor in Bioinformatics in the Department of Computer and Information Sciences ([Attachment](#))

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VII. OLD BUSINESS

Recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Kenneth Koford, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Jay Hildebrandt, Chair) for revised policy: Examination and Test Conflicts ([Attachment](#))

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request from the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Michael Keefe, Chairperson) for Senate confirmation of committee appointments. ([Attachment](#).)

Resolved that the appointments to Senate committees and the appointments of Senate committee chairpersons, as presented in attachment 3 of this Agenda, are hereby confirmed.

B.Election of Chair, Committee on Committees and Nominations to be chosen from the committee members elected by the Senate.

C.Introduction of New Business

Such items as may come before the Senate.(No motion introduced under new business, except a motion to refer to committee, shall be acted upon until the next meeting of the Senate.)