

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY  
SENATE**

**MAY 11, 2009 – 104 GORE HALL**

May 1, 2009

TO: Senators and Executives

FROM: Charles E. Mason, Vice President  
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting May 11, 2009

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in room 104 Gore Hall.

I certify that hard copies of the approval page for each undergraduate and graduate studies academic item on the agenda are filed in the Faculty Senate Office with the appropriate signatures of approval up through the Chair of the Faculty Senate Coordinating Committee on Education. The Agenda will be as follows:

# AGENDA

**I. Adoption of the Agenda**

**II. Approval of the Minutes:** [April 20, 2009](#)

**III. Election of Senate Officers and Selected Committee Members** – A slate of nominations prepared by the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Jack Baroudi, 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.

A. President Elect – John Madsen ([Statement](#))

B. Secretary – Jack Baroudi

C. Committee on Committees Chairperson – Don Lehman

**IV. Remarks:** Provost Dan Rich

**V. Announcements:** Senate President Amy Johnson

**VI. Item for Information:**

- A. Student Life Plan ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#))

**VII. Regular Agenda**

A. **Old Business:**

B. **New Business:**

1. **Confirmation of Appointments:** ([attachment](#))
2. **Standing Committee Annual Reports** ([attachment](#))
3. **Announcements for Challenge:**
  - a. Recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (John Madsen, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Cihan Cobanoglu, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Amy Johnson, Chair) for the request to add a minor in Exercise Science. ([attachment](#))
  - b. Recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (John Madsen, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating

Committee on Education (Cihan Cobanoglu, Chair) for the request for a name change for Leadership Major and Minor ([attachment](#))

4. **Resolutions:**

- A. Recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (John Madsen, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Cihan Cobanoglu, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Amy Johnson, Chair) for the request to approve Arts and Sciences Breadth Requirements ([attachment](#))

**WHEREAS,** The University of Delaware Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Faculty Senate requested a revision of the Arts and Sciences breadth requirement for Bachelor of Arts degrees in the College of Arts and Science and

**WHEREAS,** the Senate agreed to reduce the requirement from 16 courses to 12 with a 3-year provisional period granted to evaluate all current group courses by the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, and

**WHEREAS,** the faculty has developed a process to complete an outcomes-based assessment on all group courses based on the goals of the breadth categories, and

**WHEREAS,** the breadth requirement would provide exposure to a broad range of disciplines and must be open to majors outside the

department or program sponsor, be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that beginning with the academic year 2009-2010 group titles will be changed to four defined groups: Creative Arts and Humanities, History and Cultural Change, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Technology, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a list of courses submitted by departments, programs, and centers of the College of Arts and Sciences are designated as meeting the breadth requirements for all Bachelor of Arts degrees within the college, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that all Bachelor of Arts students within the college will be required to take a minimum of three courses of at least three credits each from each category, receiving a minimum grade of C- in each course, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences will determine eligibility of courses based on assessment, provide the oversight of the placement of breadth courses in appropriate categories, and ensure that access to breadth courses remains inclusive while maintaining a substantial list of courses that encourage exploration by students in areas outside of their majors.

## **VII. 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.)

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