

Faculty Senate Meeting
February 26, 2015

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Ginny Altrogge, Jef Awada, Larry Baden, Don Conway-Long, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Ryan Groeneman, Terri Reilly, J.P. Palmer-Schuyler, Chris Sagovac, Joe Schuster, Eileen Solomon, Keith Welsh, Phyllis Wilkinson

I. School of Education Proposal

Dean Brenda Fyfe attended to present the School of Education Proposal to move the Education Specialist degrees (Ed.S.) in 1) Education Leadership and 2) School Systems, Superintendent Leadership, the Advanced Certificate in Teacher Leadership and the new Doctor of Education degree from the Multidisciplinary Studies Department to the CARE Department.

Following is the rationale for this move:

- 1) The Education Leadership programs have become much more aligned with the programs in the CARE Department due to shared understanding by faculty of specialized accreditation through the Specialized Professional Association review process.
- 2) The CARE faculty have shared understanding of state (DESE) and professional organization standards, rules and regulations.
- 3) The CARE faculty also have shared expertise in regard to Leadership programs and involvement with P-12 schools as well as the fact that Dr. Tom Cornell, member of the CARE Department, holds a doctorate in Ed. Leadership and Administrative Certification in Missouri.
- 4) No faculty members in the Multidisciplinary Studies Department have the expertise to coordinate the Educational Leadership programs. Dr. Ginny Altrogge and Dr. Mary Bevel, both faculty members in the CARE department, have coordinated these programs for many years and are highly qualified in Educational Leadership.

This proposal was sent to the Faculty Senate because there is opposition from the Multidisciplinary Studies Department. Dean Fyfe has met with the Multidisciplinary Studies Department on three occasions to try and iron out the difficulties. Multidisciplinary voted and approved for the two faculty (Ginny Altrogge and Mary Bevel) to move to the CARE Department, but not the above programs.

Members of the Multidisciplinary Studies Department, including Chair Ralph Olliges, attended the Senate meeting, and addressed the Senate on their opposition to the move of the programs. They also sent a statement of their views to the Senate. Opposition centered on

concerns as to whether the proposed move of the programs had been sufficiently discussed and debated within the department and school, and whether it had been viewed in the context of the mission of the department and the school.

After a lengthy discussion among the Senate members, it was decided that an email would be sent to the CARE and Multidisciplinary Studies Departments, as well as Dean Fyfe, recommending that the Multidisciplinary Studies Department hold a special meeting next week with all parties involved and work to come to a resolution to bring to the Faculty Senate on March 19th.

II. Vice President

Glen Bauer needs to step away from being Vice President, effective March 1 through the end of his term (May, 2015). A motion was made and seconded for Don Conway-Long to fill in as Vice President through the end of May. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes:

February 5, 2015 Senate Minutes – Approved by unanimous consent.

IV. Center for Interdisciplinary Studies/Global Citizenship Program Committee

The Center for Interdisciplinary Studies no longer exists and programs that fell under CIS have been moved into other departments. The Senate needs to remove CIS from the University Handbook.

On a related matter, there is an open seat on the Global Citizenship Program Committee to be filled in the upcoming election. This seat is designated to be filled by the chair of CIS. The GCP Committee is discussing the various issues involved with changing the structure of this seat, and will make a recommendation to the Senate.

V. Spring Institute

Joe Schuster contacted Aaron AuBuchon about the technological aspects of the Spring Institute and is waiting to hear back from him.

A one question survey to RSVP has been embedded in the Spring Institute invitation that will go out next week.

VI. Class Size Concerns

Large class size sections continues to be seen as an issue of ongoing concern within the University. For next fall's schedule, an Intro to Mass Communications course is being offered with a limit of 48 people.

Provost Schuster will be invited to a Senate meeting to discuss the effects on student learning that larger class size presents.

VII. Recognition

Gwyneth recognized the large amount of uncompensated work that has been done by Senator Terri Reilly as an adjunct faculty in the School of Communications, an At-Large Senate member, and a member of numerous university committees.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.