

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 14, 2017
Room S-138, 3:50**

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES, November 29, 2016 — Minutes Accepted

Guests: Brant Chapman, Tim Foote, Lynne Richardson, Adam Grassani, Lew Wheaton, Jill Rivera, Gail Fernandez, Yum Kim, Ilene Kleinman

II. REPORT ON SENATE RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT

The following items from the November 29, 2016 meeting have been approved by the President:

100-16/17	Course Modification	BIO-221	Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
101-16/17	Course Deletion	ECO-105	Labor Economics

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102-16/17	Program Deletion	CERT.MUSC THR	Certificate in Musical Theatre
103-16/17	Program Deletion	CERT.PIANO	Certificate in Piano Pedagogy
104-16/17	Program Deletion	COA.MUSC.COMM.PROD	Certificate of Achievement in Commercial Music Production

105-16/17	Course Deletion	MUS-153	Piano Pedagogy I
106-16/17	Course Deletion	MUS-253	Piano Pedagogy II

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Kaufman quickly provided an overview of some items on the agenda: the curriculum resolutions, the formation of a new sub-committee on safety, upcoming committee reports. He pointed out that a resolution passed by a committee co-chaired by Drs. Yun Kim and Kaufman, delineating a process for deleting inactive courses/options, will be presented to the Curriculum Committee at its February 21 meeting. He then mentioned that the Senate Officers discussed the idea of Bergen as a sanctuary college with Drs. Walter and Mullaney at the January 31 Senate Officers meeting and indicated that the matter will be on the agenda of the College Council on February 23.

Dr. Kaufman then spoke about Senate attendance. He pointed out the importance of the Faculty Senate, the most significant of all college-wide committees, and stated that members need to be

committed to the work that the Senate does and that they show their commitment by attendance at Senate meetings.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

None

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominations & Elections – Professors Annemarie Roscello, Peter Helff and Gene Calderon. There is now a guide which explains election dates, elected positions and other pertinent information.

Learning Assessment – Dr. Yun Kim noted that Professor Gail Fernandez has been chairing the committee. Professor Fernandez reviewed some items that they are addressing. For instance, they share assessment practices from different departments; acknowledge exemplary assessment initiatives; will be sponsoring workshops and faculty can apply to be sponsored to go to assessment conferences.

Dr. Kim reported on some new requirements coming from Middle States. They will now be tracking the progress we are making each year through annual reports on retention, IPEDS, graduation, mean time to graduation, loan default rates and a host of other requirements that were listed on a handout from Dr. Kim. We may have to create reports that we do not currently produce. We will still have midpoint reviews and 10 year reviews.

Developmental Education – Professors Leigh Jonaitis and Robert Fusco noted that developmental education is more than math and basic skills and is integrated into and supports the entire college. It addresses academic preparedness and retention as well. Professor Jonaitis invited anyone who wants to attend a meeting to contact her.

General Education – Professor Brian Cordell reported that the committee is still collecting artifacts for their assessment project. The State is once again accepting requests for courses to become General Education. There is some indication that the State may be looking at humanities courses to see if they meet the required criteria.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Adjustment of degree requirements – Lynne Richardson presented a form to be used when there is a request for an adjustment of degree requirements – a class to be waived or substituted for another. The form was discussed and some changes suggested. It was approved 52-0-0. Lynne will bring the form to the March Senate meeting with the changes made. Another vote will not be necessary.

Curricular Resolutions – Professor Brian Cordell presented 2 resolutions to help clarify the difference between programs and options.

Resolution 1 – removes the word “Major” from the BCC Official Transcript as the College does not offer Majors or Minors

Resolution 2 – Clarifies the difference between options and programs and requests that all college publications and official reporting documents be updated to reflect the distinction between “Academic Programs” and “Program Options.”

Resolutions approved 48-0-4

These resolutions will be sent to the President for her approval.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum:

108-16/17	Course Modification	MUS-137	Guitar Workshop
109-16/17	Program Deletion	CERT.COMP.SCI	Certificate in Computer Science

Approved: 48-0-0

Pulled from the Agenda

<i>107-16/17</i>	<i>Course Addition</i>	<i>MUS-1XX</i>	<i>History of American Popular Music</i>
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VIII. ADJOURNMENT