

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

December 7, 2020 – VIRTUAL SENATE MEETING

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4:00 PM

November 30, 2020

TO: Senators and Executives

FROM: Amy Hagstrom, Vice President
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting December 7, 2020

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m.

The Agenda will be as follows:

AGENDA

- I. Adoption of the Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes: [November 2, 2020](#)
- III. Remarks: President Dennis Assanis
Provost Robin Morgan
- IV. Announcements: Senate President Charles Boncelet
- V. Consent Agenda: [Curriculog login with UD credentials will be required](#)

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the BS in Animal Bioscience**

2. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the BS in Animal Science**
3. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the BS in Environmental and Resource Economics- Economics of Sustainability and Policy Concentration**
4. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the Environmental and Resource Economics – Natural Resource Management Concentration**
5. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the Equine Science Minor**
6. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the BS in Food Science**
7. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the BS in Food Science – Culinary Concentration**
8. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the BS in Food Science – Operations and Management Concentration**
9. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the Landscape Architecture BLA**

10. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the BS in Plant Science**
11. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the BS in Pre-Veterinary Medicine**

College of Arts and Sciences

12. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the Major Requirements to the BA in Communication**
13. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the BA in Philosophy**
14. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the BA in Women and Gender Studies**
15. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the BA in Women and Gender Studies – Domestic Violence Prevention and Services Concentration**
16. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the Women and Gender Studies Minor**
17. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles

Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the Women and Gender Studies Shared Core**

Graduate Proposals

18. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair), with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the MS in Chemistry and Biochemistry**
19. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair), with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the PhD in Chemistry and Biochemistry**

VI. Regular Agenda:

A. Unfinished Business: None

B. New Business:

Academic Resolutions: [*Curriculog login with UD credentials will be required*](#)

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request for Permanent Status of the BS in Applied Mathematics**

WHEREAS, the Department of Mathematical Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences has provisionally offered a successful program for the BS in Applied Mathematics, enrollment in which has grown each year, and

WHEREAS, the National Research Council has called for training more mathematical scientists who understand the role of the mathematical sciences in the wider world of science, engineering, medicine, defense, and business, and

WHEREAS, the Applied Mathematics program requires deep training in mathematics as well as achievement of a minor in one of twenty-one minors overseen by other departments, and

WHEREAS, no new courses were created for, nor new resources devoted to, the Applied Mathematics program, and departments that host the

approved minors do not report an undue burden as a result of the program, and

WHEREAS, the Applied Mathematics degree is an exemplar of fostering multidisciplinary individuals who can bring knowledge from one area to make an impact in another; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends approval for the permanent establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics.

Regular Resolutions: No Curriculum login will be required for these resolutions

2. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Library Committee (Cecilia Arighi, Chair) with the concurrence of the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Allison Karpyn, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the Faculty Handbook Section 3.1 Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate – Library Committee ([Attachment 1](#))**

WHEARAS, the Faculty Senate Approved the Biden School of Public Policy and Administration as a “stand alone school” April 2020, and

WHEREAS, Several Faculty Senate Standing Committees require faculty representation from the various colleges, including the Library Committee; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Handbook section 1.3 Standing Committee of the Faculty and its Senate – Library Committee - be revised to reflect the increase in faculty representation as in [Attachment 1](#)

3. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) with the concurrence of the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Allison Karpyn, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **request to revise the Faculty Handbook Section 3.1 Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate – Coordinating Committee on Education ([Attachment 1](#))**

WHEREAS, the Registrar and the senior administration of the University of Delaware approve the academic calendar for the University several years in advance, and

WHEREAS, April 2013 the University Faculty Senate approved a resolution charging the Faculty Senate Coordinating Committee on Education

with reviewing the approved academic calendar and reporting its review to the Faculty Senate as a point of information, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Handbook, Section 1.3 Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate - Coordinating Committee on Education - be revised as in [Attachment 1](#)

4. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **revision to the Faculty Handbook Section 3.1 Instructional Program Policies – Section 13 - Student Class Attendance and Excused Absences** ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, the language in the Faculty Handbook should be contemporary and inclusive, and

WHEREAS, the language should include consideration of mental health, and

WHEREAS, the current Faculty Handbook has a paragraph mixing both religious observances and athletic participation, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends the changes to the Faculty Handbook included in [Attachment 1](#).

5. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Budget Committee (Jim Butkiewicz, Chair) with the concurrence of the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **approval of a resolution for the Faculty Senate Budget Committee to receive annually the University’s Budget and all relevant documents.**

WHEREAS, the first item in the charge of the University Faculty Senate Budget Committee is “becoming fully informed on the financial and planning issues of this University. Specifically, it shall examine University budgets, financial statements and other related documents used in developing budgetary plans”, and

WHEREAS, the second item in this committee’s charge is “reviewing and providing timely prospective advice, prior to finalizing budget turnaround decisions, concerning the University’s annual budgets, the processes used to determine them, and their potential impact on the academic, research and outreach missions of the University to the President, Provost, Deans and other officers of administration with responsibility for the University’s annual budget”, and

WHEREAS, ever since the eruption of the coronavirus pandemic the University of Delaware has been facing unprecedented financial and enrollment challenges, and

WHEREAS, demographic projections indicate that financial and enrollment challenges for the University of Delaware are likely to persist for many years into the future, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the University Faculty Senate urges the relevant officers of administration to consult proactively with the members of the University Faculty Senate Budget Committee and to share with them all documents relevant to developing the University's annual budgets, including revenue projections, plans to hire new faculty and staff members and to construct new buildings, prior to finalizing such budgets and plans and presenting them for approval to the University's Board of Trustees.

6. Recommendation by Senator Samantha Bingaman (Graduate Students) co-sponsored by Senators Chris Williams (President elect), John Cohill (Undergraduate Student Representative), Ryan Moore (Undergraduate Student Representative), and Jared Sharpe (Graduate Student Representative) for the **approval of a resolution to preserve the Sustainability Manager's Position**

WHEREAS, in 2017, President Assanis joined 3,800 leaders from America's city halls, state houses, boardrooms, and 411 college campuses to pledge their support for sustainability efforts, reduce our carbon footprint, and fight against climate change. Building on that pledge, in 2019, the Provost's and Executive Vice President's Offices initiated a new University of Delaware Sustainability Council to improve the University's sustainability commitment; and

WHEREAS, by promoting greater sustainability at the University of Delaware we are: 1) already saving countless dollars each year through a 20% reduction in energy efficiency since the 2008 UD Climate Action Plan; 2) improving recruitment of the next generation of faculty, undergraduate and graduate students who overwhelmingly support environmental protection; 3) improving our graduates' education and dedication to environmental health and justice; 4) enhancing mental well-being and acknowledgement of the intrinsic value of essential ecosystem services and the natural environment; and 5) providing avenues for corporate investment in infrastructure and research collaborations; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, October 27th, as part of the University of Delaware's budget cuts, the Sustainability Manager was terminated thus 1) reversing the University's support and messaging that

sustainability and addressing climate change is not a priority for our future, and 2) hinder the immediate and long-term campus wellbeing and reduce our competitiveness against comparator institutions that are far ahead in their sustainability efforts and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Manager is the one person at the University of Delaware who has the most comprehensive and holistic knowledge of sustainability topics in education, outreach, and campus operations, and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Manager fosters a strong relationship with student organizations and engages in student life regarding matters of sustainability on campus; and

WHEREAS, as of the time of this resolution's submission, more than 1,600 students, alumni, faculty, and staff have signed a petition urging a reversal of this decision; be it therefore

RESOLVED, while we recognize that the university is facing unprecedented financial hardships, we, the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and campus community at the University of Delaware, urge the campus leadership to reconsider and reverse the decision to terminate the Sustainability Manager and reaffirm the President's and Provost's supported pledges to holistically promote sustainability as a priority for the University of Delaware. Even in the most difficult and dire times, we need to ask ourselves what our core values are and not abandon our pledge to create a more holistic sustainable future for its students, faculty, and staff as well as the State of Delaware and the planet.

VII. Presentations: None

VIII. 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.)