

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

March 1, 2021 – VIRTUAL SENATE MEETING

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4:00 PM

March 1, 2021

TO: Senators and Executives

FROM: Amy Hagstrom, Vice President
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting March 1, 2021

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m.

The Agenda will be as follows:

AGENDA

- I. Adoption of the Agenda**
- II. Approval of the Minutes:** [February 8, 2021](#)
- 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](#)
 1. 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 on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MS in Agricultural and Resource Economics.**
 2. 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 on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MAS in Civil Engineering.**

3. 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 on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MCE in Civil Engineering.**
4. 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 on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD in Civil Engineering.**
5. 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 on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MAS in Civil Engineering by merging the Transportation Engineering and Civil Infrastructure Systems concentrations.**
6. 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 on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MCE in Civil Engineering by merging the Transportation Engineering and Civil Infrastructure Systems concentrations.**
7. 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 on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD in Civil Engineering by merging the Transportation Engineering and Civil Infrastructure Systems concentrations.**
8. 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 on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MS in Exercise Science.**
9. 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 on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MS in Marine BioSciences.**
10. 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 on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD in Marine BioSciences.**

11. 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 on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD in Mechanical Engineering.**
12. 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 for the request to **disestablish the Civil Infrastructure Systems concentration for the MAS degree in Civil Engineering.**
13. 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 for the request to **disestablish the Civil Infrastructure Systems concentration for the MCE degree in Civil Engineering.**
14. 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 for the request to **disestablish the Civil Infrastructure Systems concentration for the PhD degree in Civil Engineering.**

VI. Regular Agenda:

A. Unfinished Business: None

B. New Business:

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

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Graduate Studies Committee (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) **for the disestablishment the MA in Agricultural Education**

WHEREAS, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) no longer has students enrolled nor adequate demand for the Agricultural Education MA (AGED-MA), and

WHEREAS, CANR faculty who taught requisite courses for the AGED-MA have retired without replacement, and

WHEREAS, CANR is no longer offering courses required for the AGED-MA, and

WHEREAS, there is an alternative and desirable path to becoming an Ag Ed teacher in Delaware via the Alternate Route to Certification program offered by the College of Education & Human Development; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the deactivation of the Agricultural Education Master of Arts

b. Regular Resolutions:

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Earl Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) **for Faculty Senate Review of Non-Credit Certificates and Courses [\(attachment 1\)](#) [\(attachment\)](#)**

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware offers non-credit certificates and courses through the UD Division of Professional and Continuing Studies (PCS), and

WHEREAS, although they are non-credit, these PCS courses and certificates are a publicly visible part of the academic program over which the Faculty Senate has purview, and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate has been keeping track of these courses through the Coordinating Committee but they have not been coming to the floor of the Senate for approval and entry into the UD Catalog, and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to have all of UD's academic programs and certificates listed in the UD Catalog, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that PCS will submit all of its non-credit certificates and courses for Faculty Senate review via Curriculog, which will route them to the Graduate Studies Committee unless they are specifically intended for undergraduate students, in which case

they will route to the Undergraduate Studies Committee, and be it further

RESOLVED, that PCS non-credit certificates and courses will begin appearing in a non-credit section of the Faculty Senate's Consent agenda, thereby providing a mechanism for faculty senators to review them and question them if need be, and be it further

RESOLVED, that once approved by vote of the Faculty Senate, PCS non-credit certificates and courses will appear in a non-credit section of the UD Catalog, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the procedure described in the non-credit review policy here attached will become part of the Registrar and PCS websites as per ([attachment 1](#)).

2. Recommendation from Senators Chris Williams, Amy Hagstrom, Charles Boncelet, John Morgan, and Deni Galileo for the approval of a resolution to **Promote the Vaccination of Higher Education Teachers and Staff**

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2020, the State of Delaware Division of Public Health dedicated its Phase 1B COVID-19 vaccination program to protect residents 65 and older and essential frontline workers including fire, police, correctional officers, teachers and education staff, U.S. postal workers, food manufacturing, agriculture, transportation, and grocery store workers, and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2021, the State of Delaware [announced](#) the transition to vaccinate Phase 1B only for K-12 teachers thus excluding Delaware Colleges and Universities from the teachers and education staff category, and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2021, the Delaware Department of Education announced K-12 teachers and educational staff who are teaching in person and do not have pre-existing conditions are now eligible for weekly vaccination invitations, and

WHEREAS, approximately 18% of all University of Delaware class sections are being taught in person where virus transmission is of the same concern that all educators in Delaware experience, and

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware is experiencing a record surge in COVID cases at the beginning of the Spring 2021 Semester, be it therefore

RESOLVED, the Faculty of the University of Delaware ask the State of Delaware to officially recognize all College and University faculty and staff as essential workers under Phase 1B of the State of Delaware's vaccination program, and be it furthermore

RESOLVED, a vaccination plan be created between the University of Delaware and the State of Delaware to initially vaccinate 1) University of Delaware faculty and staff who are coming to campus and interacting face to face with students and then 2) all other UD employees, and be it therefore

RESOLVED, we recommend that the University and its College of Health Sciences develop a centralized plan for administration of vaccines for University of Delaware personnel through the State of Delaware and its vaccination partners.

3. Recommendation from the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) to Allow faculty to choose online instruction in the Spring 2021 semester

WHEREAS, in November 2020 the Senate passed a resolution allowing faculty to choose online instruction in Spring 2021 if the faculty member deemed it dangerous to teach on-campus, and

WHEREAS, there has been a significant and unexpected jump in COVID cases in the University of Delaware community, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that University of Delaware faculty can choose to switch their class or classes from on-campus to online instruction if the faculty member deems it necessary to protect the member's health.

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.)