

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

February 11, 2019 – 104 Gore Hall

4:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: V. Alexander, D. Assanis, E. Atekwana, J. Barker, E. Benson, A. Bhat, A. Biddle, C. Bogan, M. Buell, H. Busch, M. Bush, D. Buttrey, D. Cha, J. Coughenour, K. Cranker, T. Davis, H. Doty, C. Dybowski, J. Erickson, A. Fichtelberg, A. Fox, J. Fuhrmann, D. Galileo, J. Gizis, M. Greene, F. Grubb, A. Harding, K. Takacs Haynes, J. Hill, F. Hofstetter, P. Inguito, J. Jebb, A. Johnson, T. Kaminski, M. Laberge, W. Lewis, L. Liao, S. Lu, N. Makos, K. Matt, M. Melby, R. Morgan, B. Morling, J. Morrison, S. Mortenson, L. Overby, J. Pelesko, A. Poorani, J. Riera, C. Riordan, M. Rieger, M. Robinson, J. Russ, M. Santare, K. Schell, I. Shah, S. Sundaram, J. Sutherland, L. Thompson, C. Vukelich, B. Weber, C. Williams

I. Adoption of the Agenda

- **Motion to amend agenda**
 - **Include resolution regarding naming of Biden Center**
 - **Vote: unanimous**
- **Vote: unanimous**

II. Approval of the Minutes: [December 10, 2019](#)

- **Vote: unanimous**

III. Announcements:

- **Provost Morgan**
 - Adjunct report has been delivered, is being shared with Deans and will be distributed to chairs to pass on to faculty. The report will be presented at the March or more likely the April Faculty Senate meeting.
 - Matt Kinservik is working with ADVANCE and the IT team to facilitate departmental procedures re: faculty mentoring
 - Sharon Pitt, VP for IT has been creating IT strategic plan, including faculty participation
 - Friends of UD Library will host annual dinner April 29
 - Library research office and IT will meet with focus groups to guide decisions about infrastructure, software, governance and service provision for research
 - Richard Murray passed away

- Feb 23 10:30 am there will be a service in Gore Hall of the Center for the Arts
- Gizis: update on new budget model?
 - We are working on it
 - Assanis
 - We have committee recommendations and are trying to reconcile them all
 - Soon
 - Hasn't slowed us down
 - Hiring, etc.
- Senate President Chris Williams
 - Resolutions will be frequent in future meetings
 - Institutionalizing recommendations from tenure track commission
 - Resolutions coming soon
 - Raise Dean's list? Open hearing soon.
 - Series of recommendations from FWP committee to improve personnel policies
 - Next week faculty will be receiving requests to join committees, please get involved
 - SGA death notification proposal has been passed on to Student Life Committee
 - Use of Analytics resolution has been passed on to committee
 - Community Engagement Award new this year, please nominate faculty

IV. Consent Agenda:

Undergraduate Proposals

College of Arts and Sciences

- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the BS in Applied Mathematics**
- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the BA in English**
- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the History courses before 1700**
- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on

Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the History courses on the History of Asia, Africa, Latin America, or Middle East**

- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the History courses on the History of Europe**
- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the History courses on the History of the United States**
- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the History courses on World History**
- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the History Seminars at the 400-level**

College of Business and Economics

- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the BA in Economics**
- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the BA in Economics Education**
- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the Economics Major Requirements**

College of Engineering

- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams,

Chair) for the **revision to the BBE in Biomedical Engineering**

Graduate Proposals

College of Business and Economics

- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Deb Jaisi, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the MAP Accounting Practice**

College of Education and Human Development

- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Deb Jaisi, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the PhD in Education**

College of Engineering

- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Deb Jaisi, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the revision to the BICB-MS in Bioinformatics & Computational Biology – Computational Sciences Concentration**
- Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Deb Jaisi, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **revision to the BICB-MS in Bioinformatics & Computation Biology – Life Sciences Concentration**
 - **Vote: unanimous**

V. Regular Agenda:

A. Unfinished Business: None

B. New Business:

1. Academic Resolutions

College of Arts and Sciences

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education, (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **disestablishment of the**

History/Foreign Language major and the following concentrations:

WHEREAS, the enrollments in the History Department History/Foreign Language majors have fallen to an all-time low of zero students; and

WHEREAS, the History/Foreign Language majors no longer play a significant pedagogical function; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends the disestablishment of the History/Foreign Language major and the following concentrations due to their lack of pedagogical purpose and low enrollments:

History/Foreign Language - Chinese Studies (BA)
History/Foreign Language - Chinese Studies Honors (HBA)
History/Foreign Language - Classics (BA)
History/Foreign Language - Classics Honors (HBA)
History/Foreign Language - French Studies (BA)
History/Foreign Language - French Studies Honors (HBA)
History/Foreign Language - German Studies (BA)
History/Foreign Language - German Studies Honors (HBA)
History/Foreign Language - Japanese Studies (BA)
History/Foreign Language - Japanese Studies Honors (HBA)
History/Foreign Language - Russian Studies (BA)
History/Foreign Language - Russian Studies Honors (HBA)
History/Foreign Language - Spanish Studies (BA)
History/Foreign Language - Spanish Studies Honors (HBA)

Discussion:

- none

Vote: 56-1 passed

2. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Deb Jaisi, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **request to revise and change the name of the PhD in Bioinformatics & Systems Biology to Bioinformatics Data Science**

WHEREAS, the Center of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology has expressed the intent to change of the PhD degree to Bioinformatics Data Science, and

WHEREAS, the current name of the PhD in Bioinformatics & Systems Biology suggests a narrow area of focus in systems biology, which is not inclusive of the expanding research in data analytics, and

WHEREAS, the name of the PhD in Bioinformatics Data Science reflects that our

educational programs have expanded to encompass areas from developing computational methods, bioinformatics tools, and databases to application in life science and data analytics at the graduate level including:

- Graduate Certificate in BioinformaticsOnline
- Graduate Certificate in Applied Bioinformatics
- Masters in Bioinformatics & Computational Biology
- Professional Science Masters in Bioinformatics

WHEREAS, the name PhD in Bioinformatics Data Science is reflective of the new and ongoing scientific research by our Affiliated Faculty from five colleges across campus, which includes:

- Development of mathematical methods and computational tools for gene networks, molecular modeling and metabolic engineering
- Biological text mining and biomedical ontology development
- Bioinformatics cyberinfrastructure, cloud computing and high-performance computing
- Biological databases, semantic data integration and big data analytics
- Health data analytics and computational epidemiology
- Next generation sequencing and genomic, epigenomic, and molecular network analysis to gain insight into biological systems
- Statistical and computational modeling of bioimaging data, and

WHEREAS, the name of the PhD in Bioinformatics Data Science more accurately reflects the interdisciplinary nature of the research our graduate students and their mentors are engaged in, with projects ranging from health informatics, systems biology, energy and environmental studies, translational medicine, and data mining, and

WHEREAS, the new name will be globally more representative of the diversity of our teaching mission, the research conducted by the faculty, our service to the community and the mission of our center “To promote, coordinate, and support interdisciplinary activities,” and

WHEREAS, the name of the PhD in Bioinformatics Data Science reflects collaboration with the newly launched Data Science Institute (DSI) research initiative fostering additional multidisciplinary research providing further synergy among data science research and academic programs, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends the name of PhD in Bioinformatics & Systems Biology be changed to PhD in Bioinformatics Data Science.

Discussion:

- none

Vote: 56-0 passed

2. Regular Resolutions

1. Recommendation from Faculty Senator James Morrison on behalf of the School of Public Policy and Administration for the naming of the school

WHEREAS, the renaming would recognize University of Delaware alumnus Joe Biden's lifetime of public service to the people of Delaware and to the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware President Dennis Assanis and Board of Trustees announced the naming at the public meeting on December 11, 2018; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate endorses the renaming of the School of Public Policy and Administration as the Joseph R. Biden, Jr. School of Public Policy and Administration.

Discussion:

- none

Vote: 54-1 passed

2. Recommendation from the University Faculty Senate Ad hoc Graduate College Proposal Committee (Martha Buell, Chair) with the concurrence of the Graduate Studies Committee (Deb Jaisi, Chair), the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair), the Budget Committee (Todd Royer, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the approval of a draft organizational structure that shows relationships among the new Graduate College and existing graduate programs, departments, colleges, the Provost office, and research office, and a draft version of By-laws for the new Graduate College ([attachment 1](#)) ([budget attachment](#))

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate approved a resolution to establish a Graduate College by February 11, 2019, contingent on the passage of (1) an organizational structure that shows relationships among the new Graduate College and existing graduate programs, departments, colleges, the Provost office, and research office, and (2) a draft

version of By-laws for the new Graduate College. The organizational structure and draft Bylaws shall be drafted by an *ad hoc* Faculty Senate committee to be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate in consultation with the Provost no later than June 1, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee in consultation with the Provost established an ad hoc committee to create a draft organizational structure that shows relationships among the new Graduate College and existing graduate programs, departments, colleges, the Provost office, and research office, and a draft version of By-laws for the new Graduate College comprised of representatives from the seven colleges; be it therefore

RESOLVED, the following draft organizational structure showing relationships among the new Graduate College and existing graduate programs, departments, colleges, the Provost office, and research office, and the draft version of By-laws for the new Graduate College, found in [attachment 1](#) be approved by the Faculty Senate.

Discussion:

- Martha Buell, chair of ad hoc by laws committee
 - Met over winter session as well as for the last year
 - Introduced members of committee
 - Lots of communication with Grad Studies
 - Two open hearings
 - Vision and mission statement
 - Disagreement with Grad Studies
- Mark Greene, Philosophy
 - Is grad college a done deal and we're just discussing bylaws?
 - Answer: establishing grad college is contingent on passage of bylaws
- Fred Hofstedter
 - Budget Committee has consented, Exec, Coordinating, Grad
- Levi Thompson, Dean of Engineering
 - Apportionment doesn't seem to sit well, skewed towards CAS
 - Buell
 - Most challenging part of process
 - This is a compromise
 - Difficult to predict student enrollment in some programs
 - Thompson
 - How about rolling average?
 - Provost Morgan

- These are draft bylaws, not perfect, expected to be revised
- Mike Santare
 - Confused re: voting rules – is 2/3 of council required? 2/3 of Senate?
 - Concerned about influence of CAS
- John Pelesko
 - CAS very diverse, not likely to vote as a bloc
- Mark Greene
 - Editorial note: repetition of text
 - Clarification
 - How will students decide which 3 vote?
 - How will choice of grad students on council be made?
 - None of this is in the proposal
 - Method for voting for chair is not specified
 - Buell: grad student council will be responsible for choosing their representation
- Deni
 - AAUP statement about this
 - John Morgan reads statement
 - Resolution not ready for a vote
 - More time to study bylaws and consult with involved parties
- Farley Grubb
 - Was there consideration of weighting tuition dollars brought in?
 - Answer – no
- Mark Greene
 - Who is advocacy to?
- Michael Bush
 - To advocate to administration on behalf of grad students
- Fred Hofstedter
 - Speak in favor of motion
 - Disagrees with the AAUP exec board
- Alan Fox
 - Not convinced it won't hurt undergraduate programs
- Gizis
 - What is the role of the Dean/Vice Provost in P&T
 - Martha Buell
 - For interdisciplinary programs, Dean letter might be helpful, but it is too complicated to require it
- Mortenson
 - Cedes floor to Mark Parcells
 - In support of proposal
- Assanis

- Other grad schools don't negatively affect undergraduate program
 - I don't see this person being a gatekeeper for P&T
 - I know it can be fine-tuned but this should not slow us down
 - Deni
 - Not a request to vote down, merely a suggestion to pause to more fully consider things
 - Nick Makos UGS
 - Disagree with apportionment
 - Asks for undergraduate rep on council
 - Farley Grubb
 - Understand it is a draft, but it will be difficult to change
 - Hofstedter
 - Very common for bylaws changes to require 2/3 vote
 - Mark Greene
 - Not clear what we are voting on, since edits have been made on site
 - Robin Morgan
 - Thanks to all who worked on this
 - Mark Greene
 - Move amending two thirds to majority within council
 - Seconded
- Discussion of amendment
 - John Gizis
 - recommend against. All votes should be two thirds, rather than some two thirds and some majority.
 - Deni Gelileo
 - I agree with John Gizis
 - John Jebb
 - Important to note the importance of the Senate
 - Vote against amendment because it threatens the voice of the Senate
 - Mike Santare
 - Not ready for vote
 - This discussion makes that clear
 - Mark Greene agrees with arguments against him
 - Withdraws motion to amend
- Back to discussion on proposal
 - Nick Makos, UGS representative
 - Motion to change structure of council
 - Add one undergraduate as voting member
 - Four voting grad
 - Discussion of amendment
 - John Gizis
 - Will five students violate rule of constitution?
 - Martha

- Constitution specifies powers of faculty and doesn't mention students
 - Levi Thompson
 - Anytime you have one representative from a group you have solo status
 - So troubled with idea of one undergraduate student
 - Mike Santare
 - Uncomfortable with word-smithing and means that the whole thing should be delayed
 - Beth Morling
 - Concern about AS voting as a block is misguided
 - Nick Makos
 - Not just concerned about the voting block
 - Anything going forward re: bylaws will be determined by the Council, so the Council needs to be fully flushed out in advance
 - Deni Galileo
 - Against making undergraduate a voting member
 - Against changing three to four grades
 - Slippery slope goes over the line if we have five students on the council when the faculty is actually granted authority
 - Steve Mortenson
 - Agrees with Deni, opposes voting undergraduate
 - Corinne Bogan, UGS representative
 - What about 4+1? Some undergraduates have a stake in grad school
 - Lynette Overby calls question, seconded
 - Vote to end discussion on amendment
 - 52-3 passed
 - Vote on amendment
 - 3-49 defeated
 - Return to discussion of existing resolution
 - Hofstedter calls question, seconded
 - Vote 48-6, passed
 - Vote on resolution
 - 37-16, passed
3. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Brian Hanson, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Matt Robinson, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **approval of the**

Interdisciplinary-Collegiate Honors Proposal ([attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware Honors program has a long history on campus and reaches across all seven colleges and over 100 academic programs, and

WHEREAS, an Academic Program Review of the Honors program and Honors Task Force have recognized the important role the Honors program plays in students' UD experience, but that changes to the program could provide additional opportunities for interdisciplinary academics, research, and action leading to enhanced student and institutional outcomes, and

WHEREAS, this new, Interdisciplinary- Collegiate track is being proposed to provide students with an alternative Honors experience; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the faculty senate recommends establishing a second track in the Honors program leading to the awarding of "with University Honors" as proposed in [attachment 1](#) (and curriculum).

Discussion:

- Martha
 - What about regular track
 - Robin Morgan says she is committed to the entire Honors Program, but can't commit to adding additional resources
 - Dennis Assanis is also committed to Honors Program, wants to see it strengthened, could see it growing to 1000 students.
- Mark Greene
 - This might affect double majors difficult, and many Philosophy majors are double majors
- Rusty Lee, Interim Honors Director
 - Despite what the President says, there is no plan to increase size of program, so this shouldn't diminish any programs already in place.
 -

Vote: 53-1, passed

VI. Presentations:

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.)

Deni Galileo: problems with increasing scholarship money, should go to budget committee

Dennis: NewsJournal report on this is unreliable, money is supposed to be matching funds from State

Adjourn 5:51pm