

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

NOVEMBER 4, 2019 – 104 Gore Hall

4:00 PM

**Senators present:** B. Abraham, V. Alexander, D. Assanis, E. Benson, A. Bhat, C. Boncelet, D. Brinley, D. Burris, J. Busch, D. Buttrey, D. Cha, J. Cohill, D. Doren, J. Fuhrmann, D. Galileo, J. Gizis, M. Greene, F. Grubb, B. Hanson, G. Henry, A. Hestvik, F. Hofstetter, P. Huq, P. Inguito, J. Jebb, A. Johnson, T. Kaminski, A. Karpyn, S. Lanteri, W. Lewis, L. Liao, S. Lu, T. Melvin, J. McGee, D.C. Moore, R. Morgan, B. Morling, J. Morrison, I. Obrusnikova, E. Orsega-Smith, L. Overby, J. Pelesko, V. Perez, S. Raible, M. Rieger, J. Riera, M. Robinson, J. Rowland J. Russ, H. Shenton, J. Sutherland, J. Trivedi, Y. Tsai, B. Weber, C. Williams,

**Senators excused:** E. Atekwana, A. Biddle, M. Bush, H. Doty, A. Fields, Z. Jackson, M. Khan, M. Laberge, R. Lee, K. Matt, S. Mortenson, S. Partridge, A. Poorani, C. Riordan, D. Stevens, S. Sundaram, J. Tanis, L. Thompson

**Senators absent:** None

## Minutes

### I. Adoption of the Agenda

- No discussion
- Approved unanimously

### II. Approval of the Minutes: [October 7, 2017](#)

- No discussion
- Approved unanimously

### III. Remarks: Provost Robin Morgan

Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Matt Kinservik

Provost Morgan:

- Commencement. A task force was appointed to look into last year's June commencement, with a goal of always having commencement before Memorial Day. Membership was Avron Abraham (chair), Jackie Fajardo (Chemistry and Biochemistry), Bill Rose (UGS Chair), Jeff Palmer (Registrar). Julia Rowland (SGA Executive Vice President). Recommendation is to leave winter session as five weeks but adjust starting time. Start Winter Session no earlier than Jan 3 but may start midweek instead of always Monday (not on Friday). Also may start Spring semester other than on a Monday. These adjustments make it possible to avoid a late commencement for the next ten years without changing the length of any session.

- Antibullying policy. We need an improved policy that includes not just students but also staff. Many universities have policies including, encouraging bystander intervention. VPFA Kinservik will be looking for models from other places and seeking input from UD groups, including Advance.
- Graduate College. Search for inaugural Dean has begun. Parker is the search firm, and they are currently meeting with the search committee. We have launched a web site. Tentative schedule: continue getting applicant pool through Fall, private visits with a long shortlist in Winter, try to get down to four finalists who will be visiting in Spring, preferably February.
- Question: clarify “before Memorial Day”. Answer: can be Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. We are also looking into Commencement other than on Saturday. (VPFA Kinservik was on the agenda, but was not present.)

**IV. Announcements:** Senate President Matthew Robinson

- Town Hall on the new budget model is to be held December 4.
- In October, we approved Department of Music going to School of Music. Other units are considering such changes. In the December Senate meeting, we will have a Committee of the Whole for open discussion (without a specific resolution being considered) of unit name and status changes. Questions to be considered:
  - What is the difference between a school, a college, and a department?
  - What is the appropriate and or accepted title for the person leading an entity?
  - What is difference between a stand-alone entity and one that is part of a college?
  - What should be the criteria to become one of the entities? (eg. professionally accepted name, # of faculty, students, programs, centers, reach across campus, etc)
  - Other items that may be of consideration.

**V. Consent Agenda: *Curriculog login with UD credentials will be required.***

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (William Rose, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **revision to the Business Analytics Minor**
  - No requests to remove items.
  - Consent agenda approved unanimously

**VI. Regular Agenda: *Curriculog login with UD credentials will be required.***

- A. **Unfinished Business:** None
- B. **New Business:**

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (William Rose, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the request to **change the name of the Landscape Architecture Degree (BLA)**

WHEREAS, the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board completed an external review of the landscape architecture major and in July 2019 voted to withhold accreditation until the name of the degree is changed to Bachelor of Landscape Architecture; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves a degree name change from the Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture to the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture.

- Discussion: Question about what the reasons were for wanting this. Answered by CANR Dean Mark Rieger: the accreditation body wants uniformity of naming, and we are honoring their wishes.
  - Approved unanimously
2. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (William Rose, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the request to **change the name of the Honors Landscape Architecture Degree (HBLA)**

WHEREAS, the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board completed an external review of the landscape architecture major and in July 2019 voted to withhold accreditation until the name of the degree is changed to Honors Bachelor of Landscape Architecture; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves a degree name change from the Honors Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture to the Honors Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

- No discussion
- Approved unanimously.

**VII. Presentations:** Adam Cantley, Dean of Students  
[Response to Loss of a Student](#)

Dean Cantley introduced John Cohill, undergraduate senator, as copresenter.

- *Senator Cohill:* Loss of a student in 2018 led to SGA concerns about class notifications and supports. We wanted more transparency about the process of notifications and supports in place to meet the goals of the resolution. SGA drafted a resolution, met with Dean of Students, but this initiative did not get past committees last year.
- *Dean Cantley:* Current process is overseen by Dean of Students, documented in 2017. Individualized and family wishes take priority. Initial support focus on family, other students, student communities that were directly connected (residence halls, organizations, off-campus roommates, siblings, etc.)
- Dean of Students contacts family directly and is their point of contact. Dean of Students informs VP of Student Life, who then shares information with other administration. Dean of Students investigates community connections. Dean of Students notifies director of Counseling Center to begin coordinating a support plan.
- Notify college and faculty who were currently teaching the late student for awareness and to make sure they have the support options. Minimum is sharing support options with other students. We provide sample language, offer to visit class to share resources directly if the faculty member is not comfortable with this role.
- Encourage faculty to utilize resources UD provides to benefited employees for their own support.
- Some express frustrations about Dean of Students not sharing specific information, but there may be active investigations and family wishes that limit communication. Support should happen regardless.
- Other supports: community and organization support meetings, individual advocacy and support, transportation to services and memorials,, on campus memorial services, memorial article in Daily flag lowering, memorial signs, posthumous degree, partnering with financial services to refund funds to the family and clear fines.
- Posthumous degree may depend on how far they have progressed and the interests of the family.
- *Senator Cohill:* Moving forward, we want to have wide notifications and communications when UD loses a student. Web access is needed to policies and procedures. And we will continue to educate the community about support and processes:
- *Question:* Students lose parents, do we need to include support for this in our services. *Dean Cantley:* we work with students who have lost parents or other close relatives all the time, also loss of significant others, getting support services and trying to get extra time to complete assignments. We do general group grief

therapy sessions. Please refer your students to Dean of Students, and if Graduate Student we work with Mary Martin as well.

- *Question:* Are the resources for faculty intended for faculty who have the students in your class. *Dean Cantley:* this is for the faculty of classes that the student was enrolled in. We don't want to escalate situations or sensationalize anything.
- *Question:* should there be a posted video of support services. *Dean Cantley:* great idea.

### **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.)

- No New Business
- Meeting adjourned at 4:35.