

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

May 4, 2020 – 4:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: President Assanis, E. Atekawana, B. Abraham, V. Alexander, A. Bhat, A. Biddle, C. Boncelet, D. Brinley, D. Burris, H.J. Busch, M. Bush, D. Buttrey, D. Cha, D.C. Moore, J. Cohill, D. Doren, A. Fields, J. Fuhrmann, D. Galileo, J. Gizis, A. Fox, A. Hagstrom, B. Hanson, G. Henry, A. Hestvik, F. Hofstetter, P. Huq, P. Inguito, J. Jebb, T. Kaminski, A. Karpyn, M. Khan, M. Laberge, S. Lanteri, R. Lee, W. Lewis, L. Liao, S. Lu, T., K. Matt, Melvin, R. Morgan, B. Morling, J. Morrison, S. Mortenson, I. Obrunsnikova, E. Orsega-Smith, L. Overby, S. Partridge, J. Pelesko, V. Perez, A. Poorani, S. Raible, R. Rakesh, M. Rieger, J. Riera, J. C. Riorden, Rowland, M. Robinson, J. Russ, H. Shenton, D. Stevens, S. Sundaram, K. Takaes Haneys, J. Tanis, K. Theopold, L. Thompson, B. Weber, C. Williams,

Members Absent:

Members Excused: J. Sutherland

Senate President Matt Robinson opened the meeting by introducing **Dean Mark Rieger** (College of Agriculture and Natural Resources). Dean Rieger spoke in memory of Senator Eric Benson, Animal and Food Sciences, who passed away on April 6, 2020, after nearly 20 years on the UD faculty. A full obituary may be found here:

<https://www.udel.edu/udaily/2020/april/in-memoriam-eric-benson-canr/>

Jamie Summerfield (Faculty Commons): reminded the Senators of technical issues and voting procedures for the an online meeting, and conducted a polling test.

I. Adoption of the Agenda

- Amendment: Resolution 61 submitted with last week's agenda announcement has been removed. A new resolution 61 has been added.
- Approved

II. Approval of the Minutes: [April 6, 2020](#)

- Discussion: None
- Approved

III. Election of Senate Officers and Selected Committee Members - A slate of nominations prepared by the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Allison Karpyn, Chairperson) is presented in [Attachment 1](#) . Biographies of the nominees are presented in [Attachment 2](#) . Senators are reminded that additional nominations may be made from the floor, and that senators making such nominations are responsible for determining that a nominee would serve if elected.

A. President Elect: Chris Williams – [Candidate Statement of Interest](#)

- Approved

B. Vice President: Amy Hagstrom

- Approved

C. COCAN Member-at-Large: Jacqueline Fajardo

- Approved

D. COCAN Member-at-Large: Dannagal Young

- Approved

IV Remarks: President Dennis Assanis

- Thanks to all of you for your resilience and persistence. We also expressed our sympathy to members of the community who have ill or deceased friends and family because of the pandemic.
- There will be a Town Hall and University Faculty meeting next Monday to discuss our situation.
- The entire administrative team will be taking pay cuts throughout the rest of the academic year. We are hoping to not grant raises this year as a way of saving money. This is being discussed with AAUP and other unions.
- Class for next fall will be smaller than it has been, we have 3984 deposits, down 196 from last year. We are doing well compared to other institutions. We expect some melt over the summer. If we end up with 3700 instead of 4400, that's another \$13M loss.
- We are also concerned about returning students because of their family financial situations.
- We will be following guidance of Delaware state government in timing of reopening our offices and laboratories. We will continue to be mostly remote over the summer. Also have a health advisory team advising on reopening
- Next Fall: campus wide task force to deal with Fall semester comprehensively. Every aspect of making a safe experience. Looking to make face-to-face instruction for Fall, possible a late opening, and the ability to move back to online learning is there as a

backup. Nobody is prepared for another \$50M loss, so delivering a proper face-to-face semester is important.

- There will be a "new normal" in terms of contact with students. Scheduling and classroom use may be rethought. We might not have as many students in class in order to limit contact.
- This year's Allison Professor will be Norm Wagner (Chemical Engineering)

Remarks: Provost Robin Morgan

- Echo our thanks to everyone for making this semester possible.
- We are planning to bring everybody back in the Fall, but it will not look like a normal semester. We need the state to be open, we need testing, contact tracing, quarantine space, cleaning supplies, and masks for everyone.
- For an in-person Fall. We need to make it possible to be six feet apart while on campus, in classes, moving around campus, on buses, etc. We need to have maximum gathering sizes as required by state -- currently 50 max. We need to have special accommodations for people at greater risk.
- We will need longer class breaks. We want every student to have some face-to-face classes, but perhaps not all of them. We need to get started on this now. We are rethinking the academic calendar and class schedules. If things worsen, we will be entirely online.
- Graduate College Dean search is reopened with the same search committee but for an internal search for a two-year appointment.
- Faculty hiring: have 61 who have accepted offers. We are asking that some of them will consider not showing up until Spring 2021 or even Fall 2021.
- Next General Faculty Meeting will be next Monday, May 11 at 3:00. Please submit questions in advance.

V. Announcements: Senate President Matthew Robinson

- We will recognize our Excellence award winners now, but we will have a proper presentation of certificates at our next live meeting.

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Excellence in Teaching Awards

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Excellence in Teaching Awards for Graduate Students

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Excellence in Academic Advising

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Excellence in Community Service

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Jon Olson Service Award

Would like to have Matt's list of Fred's activities added here.

- Prof. Fred Hofstetter. Fred thanked the Senate for the award and indicated that he was truly honored to receive it.
- Faculty senate Exec changes over on July 1, but the Senate does not change over until September 1. Usually nothing happens but we need to be prepared this year for the possibility.
- Reminder that the Faculty must work tirelessly to achieve the results of maintaining a strong university. Thanks to the committees in general, the executive committee, the administration for its partnership, and finally Karren Helsel-Spry, who makes everything work.
- I could not have anticipated what I was getting into this year. We're making it through this, and we will make it to May and regroup. Best wishes to Charlie Boncelet for next year, and thank you all.

VI. Consent Agenda: [Curriculog login with UD credentials will be required](#)

- No items were removed from the consent agenda
- Approved 100%

Graduate and Undergraduate Joint Proposals

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (William Rose, Chair) with the concurrence of the Graduate Studies Committee (Chris Williams, Chair), the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **request to the add a Hospitality Business Management/Business Management 4 + 1 BS/MBA**
2. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (William Rose, Chair) with the concurrence of the Graduate Studies Committee (Chris Williams, Chair), the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **request to the add a Accounting/Business Analytics and Information Management 4 + 1**

3. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (William Rose, Chair) with the concurrence of the Graduate Studies Committee (Chris Williams, Chair), the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **request to the add a Management Information Systems/Business Analytics and Information Management 4 + 1**

4. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (William Rose, Chair) with the concurrence of the Graduate Studies Committee (Chris Williams, Chair), the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair), and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **request to the add a Africana Studies 4 + 1 BA/MA**

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Undergraduate Proposals

5. 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 Wildlife Ecology and Conservation BS**

6. 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 Statistics BS**

7. 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 Landscape Architecture BLA**

College of Arts and Sciences

Undergraduate Proposals

8. 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 Chinese undergraduate certificate**

9. 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 Italian undergraduate certificate**

10. 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 Japanese undergraduate certificate**
11. 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 Spanish undergraduate certificate (Spain or Latin American)**
12. 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 French Certificate (France or Martinique)**
13. 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 History courses on American History**
14. 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 History Education Courses on the History of Asia, Africa, Latin American or Middle East**
15. 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 History Courses on the History of Europe**
16. 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 History Courses on the History of the World History**
17. 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 History Education BA**

18. 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 History Minor**
19. 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 African Studies Minor**
20. 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 Legal Studies Minor**
21. 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 Russian Minor**
22. 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 Russian Studies BA**

Graduate Proposals

23. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Chris Williams, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair), the Budget Committee (James Butkiewicz, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **Establishment of a new Africana Studies Graduate Certificate**

College of Business and Economics

Undergraduate Proposals

24. 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 Finance BS**

25. 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 Financial Planning and Wealth Management BS**

26. 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 Hospitality Business Management BS**

27. 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 Hospitality Business Management Honors HBS**

28. 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 Hospitality Industry Management BS**

29. 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 Undergraduate Certificate in Social Entrepreneurship to change the name to Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

[College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment](#)

Undergraduate Proposals

30. 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 Geography Minor**

31. 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 Geological Sciences BS**

32. 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 Marine Science BS – Marine Biology Concentration**

33. 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 Marine Science BS – Oceanography Concentration**

34. 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 Marine Science Minor**

College of Education and Human Development

Undergraduate Proposals

35. 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 Elementary Teacher Education Major Requirements**

Graduate Proposals

36. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Chris Williams, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the request to **revise the Early Childhood Development and Programming MA**

37. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Chris Williams, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the request to **revise the Teaching English as a Second Language MA**

College of Engineering

Undergraduate Proposals

38. 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 Electrical Engineering (BEE)**
39. 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 General Technical Electives for Chemical Engineering Majors**
40. 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 Integrated Design Minor**
41. 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 Civil Engineering BCE**
42. 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 Civil Engineering Minor**
43. 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 College of Engineering Undergraduate Requirements**

44. 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 Construction Engineering and Management BCEM**

45. 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 Environmental Engineering BENE**

46. 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 Materials Science and Engineering BMSE**

47. 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 Mechanical Engineering – Aerospace Engineering Concentration BME**

48. 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 Sustainable Energy Technology Minor**

Graduate Proposals

49. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Chris Williams, 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 Mechanical Engineering PhD**

College of Health Sciences

Undergraduate Proposals

50. 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 Health Sciences – Occupational Therapy Track Concentration BS**

51. 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 Health and Wellness Minor**
52. 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 Genetic Counseling Minor**
53. 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 Forensic Science Minor**
54. 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 Sports Health BS**

Graduate Proposals

55. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Chris Williams, 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 MS in Biomechanics and Movement Science**
56. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Chris Williams, 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 PhD in Biomechanics and Movement Science**
57. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Chris Williams, 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 Medical Laboratory Sciences – Non Thesis MS**

VII. Regular Agenda:

A. Unfinished Business:

58. Resolution Concerning Online Instruction for Fall 2020 Semester. Introduced by Senator Galileo with Senator co-sponsors Abraham, Barker, Busch, Custer, Hestvik, Khan, and Morrison.

WHEREAS, it now is too early to know whether the current COVID-19 pandemic will still present significant health risks to many members of the UD community for the Fall 2020 semester, and

WHEREAS, while some university-level courses can be delivered effectively when completely online, many other courses, especially those involving hands-on laboratories, fieldwork, practica, or internships cannot be taught entirely online without significant loss of their academic content, and

WHEREAS, administering courses and exams online while maintaining necessary security is challenging for students and faculty alike, and

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware has a long and successful tradition of teaching in- person courses where students interact frequently with their instructors and with one another that should continue, if possible, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the University Faculty Senate requests that the President and/or Provost not make the decision to require courses for the Fall 2020 semester be delivered online unless 1) the State of Delaware or City of Newark still has, or has again, imposed during Fall 2020 mandatory limitations on gatherings or movements of people because of an ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, 2) the University is operating in Fall 2020 under the conditions where only essential personnel are allowed to be present on campus, or 3) it is clear that holding in-person classes in Fall 2020 would create unsafe health conditions for many University students, faculty, or staff.

Discussion

- Deni Galileo (Biological Sciences): We appreciate the remarks by Pres. Assanis, but feel it is important that something come from the faculty.
- Beth Moring (Psychological and Brain Sciences): Summarizing concerns from a colleague in her department. This reads as if faculty are trying to avoid online teaching, but some faculty are equally trying to avoid in-person teaching because they have reason to fear the contact.
- Rusty Lee (Civil and Environmental Engineering): This resolution is an overstep that is too restrictive. We need to maintain flexibility
- Rakesh (Mathematical Sciences): There is also item 64 on the agenda -- does that make this moot?

- **Not Approved**, 30% to 70%

B. New Business:

1. Confirmation of Appointments: ([attachment](#))

- Discussion: none
- Approved unanimously

2. Standing Committee Annual Reports: ([attachment](#))

- Discussion: none
- Approved unanimously

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

59. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (William Rose, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair), the Budget Committee (James Butkiewicz, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **request to Establish a MA in Biomechanics and Movement Sciences**

WHEREAS, the Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science degrees in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biomechanics and Movement Science (BIOMS) require either a research dissertation or thesis, and

WHEREAS, some graduate students in the PhD or MS BIOMS programs are not interested or unable to complete the research requirements (they are in probationary status due to their GPA falling below a 3.0, or because they fail to earn a C- grade or better in conditional coursework that cannot otherwise be remedied by modification of their plan of study, or because they do not pass the PhD qualifying exam, the dissertation or thesis proposals, or because they do not make satisfactory progress, or because they feel that pursuing a research degree is no longer a career goal, or because their advisor is no longer willing or able to mentor them), and

WHEREAS, these students may already have invested a year or more toward their respective degrees, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for such students to have an option to complete a master's degree; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that a Master of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biomechanics and Movement Science be established.

- Discussion: None
- Approved unanimously

College of Arts and Sciences

60. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (William Rose, Chair) and the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) with the concurrence of the Budget Committee (James Butkiewicz, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **request to Establish a New Master of Arts in Africana Studies**

WHEREAS, the Department of Africana Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences has offered a successful program for the BA in Africana Studies offering knowledge and scholarly analysis on the roles and contributions of African Americans in the USA and of black people in the diaspora, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Africana Studies has received many inquiries over the last several years from individuals who are interested in pursuing graduate study, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Africana Studies has proposed a regionally and nationally competitive graduate program of study for students, which will offer critical exposure to the multidisciplinary study of people and cultures of African descent in the United States, Caribbean, Latin America, Africa and Europe for greater depth of knowledge in professional careers and a crucial step on the pipeline of the professoriate, and

WHEREAS, the existing faculty and affiliated faculty in Africana Studies can provide a majority of the courses and administrative framework for such a degree, and

WHEREAS, the proposed graduate program contributes to the goals on the College's and University's Strategic Plans to diversify the student body and the professoriate, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends provisionally for five years the approval of the establishment of a new Master of Arts in Africana Studies.

- Discussion: None
- Approved unanimously

College of Health Sciences

Being Pulled from Agenda:

61. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (William Rose, Chair) and the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) with the concurrence of the Budget Committee (James Butkiewicz, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **approval of a new BS in Health Design**

WHEREAS, the Program of Health Studies (HLTH) in the College of Health Sciences (CHS) has offered a successful independent studies offering students skills for successfully designing health wearables, and

WHEREAS, CHS has received many inquiries over the last several years from individuals who are interested in pursuing careers in health product design, and

WHEREAS, CHS has proposed Health Design major (HDES), which will offer an alternate route for students to pursue careers with specialized skills in the support areas of the health issues, industry, such as Disability and Chronic Illness, Design and Making across mediums, and Design research methods, etc., and

WHEREAS, the existing undergraduate programs across UD Colleges already provides a majority of all the courses and administrative framework for such a degree, and

WHEREAS, the proposed major contributes to one of the milestones on the University's "path to prominence" to achieve excellence in professional education; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends provisionally for five years the approval of the establishment of a new Bachelor of Science in Health Design.

Being Added to Agenda:

61. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (William Rose, Chair) and the Committee on Graduate Studies (Chris Williams, Chair), the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **approval of a Dual and Joint Degree Programs Resolution**

WHEREAS, The University of Delaware Faculty Senate passed a resolution in March 2020 that new, revised, and renewing dual degree programs and joint degree programs, including those that grant existing degrees in existing majors, be reviewed by the Faculty Senate and relevant committees as part of the program approval process and

WHEREAS, The Undergraduate Studies (UGS) committee and the Committee on Graduate Studies (GS) are charged with reviewing degree programs to assure that each student who earns a University of Delaware degree receives an education that conforms to the University standards and values, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that all undergraduate and graduate Dual and Joint Degree proposals with other institutions must adhere to the following guidelines and meet the listed criteria:

1. Dual and Joint degree students must meet all University of Delaware degree requirements.
2. The appropriate University of Delaware academic department will review 1) the content of all partnering institution courses that serve as pre-requisites for University of Delaware courses and 2) the academic quality of transfer courses to assure they match existing classes in the program. The Department will provide a summary of these course reviews to the Faculty Senate to assist with their review of the Dual/Joint Degree Program.
3. Include a curriculum guide with supporting documentation including transfer course approvals and letters of support.
4. A contract between partnering programs or institution must include statements pledging adherence to all applicable University of Delaware policies including academic freedom and student conduct.
5. Seek review and approval, when required, from the Office of International Students and Scholars, as per Department of Homeland Security guidelines.
6. New Dual and Joint degree programs will be provisionally approved by the Faculty Senate for five years with final approval awarded after meeting established Senate guidelines.

NOTE:

The following statement of academic freedom was provided by the University Counsel. It is consistent with, but shorter than, the Academic Freedom Statement in [section 4.2.1 of the Faculty Handbook](#).

Academic freedom statement

Academic freedom is a core value of the University of Delaware and is a necessary condition for the production and dissemination of knowledge. Academic freedom is the freedom to teach, both in and outside the classroom, to conduct research and other scholarly or creative activities, and to publish or otherwise disseminate the results. Academic freedom also encompasses the freedom to address any matter of institutional policy or action. Faculty have the freedom to address the larger community with regard to any social, political, economic, or other interest. Academic freedom comes with academic responsibility, which is the faithful performance of professional duties and obligations, the recognition of the demands of the scholarly enterprise, and the candor to make it clear that, when one is speaking as a citizen on matters of public interest, one is not speaking for the institution.

<https://facultyhandbook.udel.edu/handbook/421-academic-freedom-statement>

Discussion:

- Matt Robinson (President): History of this is that there was a task force that was going to put together a policy
- Deni Galileo (Biological Sciences): This was not on the initial agenda. This is important and we should have had more time with it. What kind of problems would it cause if this was postponed so that people had a chance to look at it.
- Matt Robinson: we only got final committee approvals this morning.
- **Deni Galileo moved** and received a second to a motion to put this off until the next Senate meeting. Discussion of the Galileo motion:
- Fred Hofstetter (Education): want to get this approved so that new programs can move forward. There are programs now being blocked that cannot go forward until this gets taken care of. Deni is correct that this has just appeared here, but there has been a lot of discussion in committees trying to get this passed so that proposals can work their way through.
- Suresh Sundarum (Business Administration): wish to echo Fred's point, and postponing the decision creates a problem proposals in the works. I don't see anything controversial.
- Muqtedar Khan (Political Science and IR): Stuart Kauffman made the point in previous discussion that academic freedom is important. We are concerned that if we must condition all our partnerships on academic freedom. However, he was under the impression that this was not going to be discussed today. This going to be a serious issue. Therefore, I think it needs to be discussed more carefully.
- Alan Fox (Philosophy): Point out that academic freedom is covered well in this. I am very ambivalent. I was on a committee that contributed to this statement and I am in favor of it. We have this trend of things showing up at the Senate at the last minute and not in favor of that trend.
- Matt Robinson: was hoping to have it on the initial agenda, but Grad Studies wanted to take another look.
- Rakesh (Mathematical Sciences): Not in favor of voting for it today because I have not read it. These are programs that are not going to start next academic year? I don't see the urgency. Nothing is going to be approved over the summer.
- Chris Williams (Chair of Graduate Studies): Graduate Studies and Undergraduate Studies recognized that we had no oversight on dual degree programs and felt this was an oversight. No strong opinion on now versus next fall.
- Fred Hofstetter: In Matt's defense, one of the reasons for voting on this today is so that we wouldn't have a meeting next week? We were trying to avoid another senate meeting. There are more programs that are being blocked.

- Martha Buell (Human Development and Family Studies): Could this be sent to all faculty, not just senators.
- Tara Smith (Communication): Are there financial implications, as in programs that are going to be delayed if this is not approved.
- Chris Williams answering Tara Smith: probably no, but we need this in place before reviews can proceed.
- Charles Boncelet (President Elect): The Lerner College has a proposal in place that needs this in place.
- Beth Morling (Psychological and Brain Sciences): Since this has been vetted by all the committees I recommend voting today. I don't see anything controversial here.
- **Vote on Galileo Motion to delay:** not approved 37% to 63%.

Further discussion on main resolution

- Suresh Sundarum. Request further explanation of what we mean by "all applicable policies."
- Rusty Lee (Civil and Environmental Engineering): The purpose of the policy is about defining what a UD degree means. If we are going to award a UD degree, then policies on academic freedom and other academic policies must be honored.
- Chris Williams. We did provide flexibility by using the language about "applicable" policies. It can possibly be that exceptions will be noted in a contract.
- Suresh Sundarum. When I read this without know what "all applicable policies" means, we need better specification.
- Fred Hofstetter. The word "applicable" that was added to #4, and that takes care of the problem. There was an earlier version that only mentioned academic freedom and student contact, and then there was a version that mentioned "all" policies without exception.
- Rakesh. who decides what is applicable?
- Suresh Sundarum. Applicable implies context, but as Sen. Rakesh notes: who decides what is applicable? Will we have to redo agreements when we get policy changes .
- Charles Boncelet. A program that is trying to get a dual degree can go to the appropriate curriculum committee to find out what policies should be obeyed, and nothing in this that prevents a future senate from approving or not.
- Alan Fox: suggests that all points have been made and calls the question
- **Vote on Calling the Question:** approved 97% to 3%
- **Vote on Resolution 61:** approved 75% to 25%

62. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (William Rose, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair), and the Budget Committee (James B , Chair) and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **request for the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program to become a Department**

WHEREAS, the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program has existed in the College of Health Sciences since 2013, and

WHEREAS, departmental status would closely align the University of Delaware program with top tier universities, and

WHEREAS, the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program now numbers 11 core faculty, and

WHEREAS, Communication Sciences and Disorders now offers master's and doctoral level degrees, and

WHEREAS, Communication Sciences and Disorders has accepted one Ph.D. cohort (9 students), as well as four masters level cohorts (101 students) and graduated two of them (48 students), and

WHEREAS, the work of Communication Sciences and Disorders serves the greater Delaware communities and

WHEREAS, creation of a Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders will require no new resources, and

WHEREAS, the faculty and administration of the College of Health Sciences have approved the proposal for a Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends the existing Communication Sciences and Disorders Program become a department to be called the "Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders."

Resolutions – No curriculog log in required

- Discussion: None
- Approved 97% to 3%

63. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (William Rose, Chair) with the concurrence of the Graduate Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **approval of a resolution concerning the University of Delaware Baccalaureate Degree Residency Requirement**

WHEREAS: The University of Delaware has had a longstanding policy regarding the requirements to receive a baccalaureate degree from the University of Delaware, and

WHEREAS: these requirements include “Completion of either 90 of the first 100 credits or 30 of the last 36 credits, full or part-time, at the University of Delaware.” and

WHEREAS: these requirements were not designed at a time when students were provided an opportunity to access their courses in locations beyond the confines of the University of Delaware via for example an on-line format, and

WHEREAS: students who spend spring of junior year abroad often have difficulty meeting the above requirement, and

WHEREAS: it is important to clearly define what is required to receive a Baccalaureate degree from the University of Delaware, be it therefore

RESOLVED: that the Baccalaureate Degree requirement above be revised to: “90 of the total credits, or 30 of the last 38 credits, full or part-time, must be courses taken from the University of Delaware.”

Discussion:

- Victor Perez (Sociology and Criminal Justice): Why 38 credits?
- William Rose (Chair of Undergraduate Studies): Added 38 credits at the advice of the Provost's office because Assistant Deans had problems with students taking 8 credits near the end of their program.
- Deputy Provost Lynn Okagaki: this enabled students to take two full four-credit courses in their last summer session elsewhere
- **Approved** 99% to 1%

64. Recommendation from the University Faculty Senate APPA Committee (Chris William, Chair) with the Concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **approval of an Emergency Policy at the University of Delaware** ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, on rare occasions, a significant disruption to the University of Delaware could occur for reasons such as a state of emergency declaration from the Governor's Office, a natural disaster, civil unrest, pandemic illness, or other unforeseeable events, and

WHEREAS, these occurrences may cause a suspension of classes or extended closure of the University preventing academic work from progressing normally and may necessitate emergency academic policies to be implemented, and

WHEREAS, these measures may include temporary changes that will affect the Faculty Handbook and Course Catalog in ways that must be considered and voted on by the Faculty Senate, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that section 1.2 of the faculty handbook shall be extended to include a section 1.2.16 ([Attachment 1](#)) establishing the composition and activities of an Emergency Academic Regulations Task Force, including the conditions for constituting such a task force.

Discussion:

- Klaus Theopold (Chemistry and Biochemistry): Could someone clarify the composition of this task force. Is this the same as the current task force. Has everything that has been decided only been for one term?
- Chris Williams (Chair of APPA committee): added AAUP to the mandatory membership and clarified the co-chairing by faculty and administration. Also, any changes are for one semester.
- Alan Fox (Philosophy): Important to not have any changes live beyond a semester so that no future administration can use an emergency to make permanent changes.
- Matt Robinson (President): points I made earlier about the potential need for summer meetings were related to this point -- we may need to act over the summer.
- **Approved:** 94% to 6%

65. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Rules (Brian Hanson, chair) with the concurrence of the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **request to approve the Senate Meeting dates for 2020-2021**

WHEREAS, Section V. of the Senate Bylaws was amended in February 2016 to create a new inclusive process for determining and changing Senate meeting dates, and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee is tasked with preparing a list of dates for the 2020 – 2021 academic year to be voted on by the Faculty Senate in May, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the following dates are put forward by the Rules Committee for Senate meetings:

September 14, 2020

October 5, 2020

November 2, 2020

December 7, 2020

February 8, 2021

March 1, 2021

April 5, 2021

May 3, 2021

- Discussion: None
- Approved unanimously

66. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Student Life (Kristin Wiens and Jacqueline Fajardo, Chairs) with the concurrence of the Executive Committee (Matthew Robinson, Chair) for the **approval of the 2020-2021 Residence Life Program Plans** ([attachment clean copy](#)) ([attachment track changes](#))

WHEREAS, faculty review of any residential program involving students is a required function of the University Faculty Senate, and

WHEREAS, the Student Life Committee of the Faculty Senate have reviewed and recommend approval of the residential program proposed by the Office of Residence Life for the academic year 2020- 2021, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Delaware recommends for approval the attached Office of Residence Life residential program for 2020-2021.

- Discussion: None
- Approved unanimously

VIII. Presentations: None

IX. 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 (Biological Sciences) Introduce the fact that zoom meeting votes are essentially secret ballots which are prohibited by the bylaws. This needs to be dealt with if these continue to be online meetings.