

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

MAY 2, 2016

104 GORE HALL

Members Present: B. Ackerman, M. Badiey, W. Batchis, D. Bellamy, W. Bellion, J. Bernstein, C. Boncelet, J. Brodie, M. Buell, M. Chajes, B. Glass, J. Coughenour, J. Courtright, K. Cranker, J. Custer, J. Daniel, E. Davis, P. Dhurjati, P. Duker, E. Armstrong Dunbar, C. Dybowski, S. Eidelman, A. Everard, A. Friedman, D. Galileo, J. Gizis, D. Grasso, B. Hanson, S. Hastings, A. Hestvik, J. Jung, K. Kniel, C. Knight, M. Laberge, A. Marsh, K. Matt, M. McLane, S. McGeary, J. McNutt, G. Melloni, D. C. Moore, R. Opila, L. Overby, M. Papas, M. Parcels, E. Pemberton, A. Poorani, D. Reisman, C. Riordan, M. Robinson, M. Seymour-Green, S. Shabo, I. Shah, H. Tanner, N. Targett, D. Thompson, C. Vukelich, G. Watson, B. Weber, J. Wessel, C. Williams, L. Worden, J. Zide

Members Excused: M. Gutierrez, F. Hofstetter, T. Hsu, B. Ogunnaike, L. Okagaki, M. Rieger

Members Absent: S. Sengos, H. Lewis, W. Lewis,

Meeting was called to order by Senate President Robert Opila at 4 pm

I. Modifications to Agenda:

- a. Add Rules Committee, Senate Meeting Dates Resolution (item w)
- b. Remove Election Resolution (item h), tabled for consideration by Rules Committee
- c. Amended Attachment I corrections (non-substantive)

Motion moved and seconded – motion approved unanimously

II. Approval of the Minutes: [April 4, 2016](#)

- a. Motion to approve minutes made and seconded; minutes approved unanimously

III. Election of Senate Officers and Selected Committee Members

- a. The Senate Elections were held in accordance with the Bylaws. The candidates and results are as follows:

- A. President Elect: Martha Buell and Cecil Dybowski
 - a. Elected: Martha Buell
- B. Vice President: Mark Parcels and Alexander Selimov
 - a. Elected: Mark Parcels
- C. Committee on Committees Member At Large: Michael Chajes
 - a. Elected: Michael Chajes
- D. Committee on Committees Chairperson: Michael Chajes and Christopher Williams
 - a. Elected: Christopher Williams
- IV. **Adoption of the Agenda**
 - a. Motion to adopt agenda with minor modifications moved and seconded
- V. **Presentation of the 2016 Faculty Senate Excellence Awards:**

Senate President Robert Opila presented the following awards to faculty members:

- A. Excellence in Teaching:
 - a. **Jennifer Buckley**, assistant professor of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering;
 - b. **Christine Cucciarre**, associate professor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences;
 - c. **Allen Jayne**, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering in the College of Engineering; and
 - d. **Sharon Walpole**, professor of education in the College of Education and Human Development.
- B. Excellence in Undergraduate Advising and Mentoring:
 - a. **Karl Booksh**, professor of chemistry and biochemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences;
 - b. **Ken Haas**, professor of sociology and political science and international relations in the College of Arts and Sciences;
 - c. **Chrysanthi Leon**, associate professor of sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences; and
 - d. **Carolee Polek**, associate professor of nursing in the College of Health Sciences.
- C. Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching

- a. **William Killian**, a doctoral student in computer science in the College of Engineering;
- b. **Aida Odobasic**, a doctoral student in economics in the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics; and
- c. **Joseph P. Smith**, a doctoral student in chemistry and biochemistry and analytical chemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences.

VI. Presentation of the 2016 Jon Olson Exemplary Service Award:

Senate President Robert Opila presented the award to **Brian Ackerman**, Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences

VII. Remarks by Provost Domenico Grasso

Provost Grasso remarked on the following:

- 1) Recognized the UDADVANCE sponsored meeting, Women of Color in the Academy: What's Next, with 175 participants from 50 different institutions across the country.
- 2) A productive and exciting AG Day and later that night was the 5th Anniversary of the UDAIRY Creamery.
- 3) UD has been recognized as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education by the National Security Agency.
- 4) This year external funding increased by 5%, so we are up to about 210 million dollars this year in external funding.
- 5) Two faculty members were inducted into the National Academy of Inventors, Richard Heck (posthumously) and Norm Wagner.
- 6) A committee will be launched to look at tenure promotion and tenure standards for tenure track faculty members and it will be co-chaired by Martha Buell and Matt Kinservik, which has been approved by the executive committee of faculty senate.
- 7) A team will be assembled to look at our Spring Break scheduling and how it coincides with St. Patrick's Day. It will have members from the mental health coalition, alcohol and drug abuse coalition, police force, town, student life, faculty and faculty senate.
- 8) Finally, I would like to encourage you all to go to Scott Pages talk who is going to look at a quantitative approach to diversity.

Questions/Discussion:

Senator Steve Hastings: What is the implication of this new P and T review committee on documents that are in the works

Provost Grasso: What do you mean?

Senator Steve Hastings: We submitted a revision to our P and T document in 2009 that has never been approved

Provost Grasso: I am looking at my Vice Provost

Senator Steve Hastings: Matt is very aware of this and we are getting ready to submit another version in response to the changes requested for C and T faculty; so should we wait or go ahead and do this

Provost Grasso: I know Matt is trying to turn these around as quick as possible and get comments back. There is a lot of heterogeneity on campus and it is unfair to have this ambiguity. My goal and everyone's goal here is to make sure that every faculty member is successful that we hire and make sure that we have clear expectations for faculty. We can talk about your particular case, but we want to do something that will be helpful to everyone.

Senator Deni Galileo recognizes John Morgan

John Morgan: It is a good idea to look at the P and T documents, but it should be kept in mind that assistant professors on the tenure track are eligible to apply for promotion and tenure under the criteria with which they were hired. So any changes won't really have an impact until the year 2024.

Provost Grasso: Good observation, but if we don't get started now it will be 2050 before anything happens.

VIII. Announcements:

a. Faculty Senate Budget Committee Update

Martha Buell, Chair of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee Updated the Senate. The Faculty Senate Budget Committee was charged with reporting out to the senate this spring what we did this year. So I am here

to report that the budget model will operate in tandem with the current budget and that the new budget model will not create too much turbulence in the system. The new model is also more transparent than the old model. And, finally, a lot of the concerns that people have with the budgeting model are not the fault with the model, but rather about how things are being implemented and transparency from leadership. Our committee will work with the budget office to stay apprised of what's going on with the model as we move forward.

- b. John McNutt, Senator, Public Policy and Administration, asked for volunteers for commencement. We need as many faculty to come as possible. Ian Janssen, ijanssen@udel.edu, is the point person for this, so please get in touch with him.

Provost Grasso: The provost office will pay for the rental of regalia.

- IX. **Item for Discussion:** Article 3 of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees 15-20 minute discussion ([Note to Faculty Senate Executive Committee](#)) ([Article 3 Proposed BOT Revision 25 April 2016](#))

Interim President Nancy Targett led the discussion by initially thanking the committee and all individuals who provided verbiage and comments for the updated Article 3. The process really modeled the ideals of shared governance.

So, for today's meeting, I put together a note that gave an overview of the process we followed. Karren has it posted on the faculty senate website along with the latest guidelines for article 3 recommendations.

Finally, I want to take a second to say thank you for your support during this year of transition. Transitions are not easy and I appreciate your support in trying to move the goals forward of maintaining and enhancing the momentum of the University of Delaware. Thank you!

Applause

[The floor is open for discussion on article 3](#)

Senator Deni Galileo: I would like to sincerely thank President Targett on behalf of the past and current presidents for incorporating as many comments as she did.

There are some things we don't totally agree with. I did submit a list to President Opila of some things that are still things that can be argued about or disagreed with and I would like to have them entered into the minutes for the record. Thank you.

Section 3.2.2.1:

Professional library staff should continue to be included in the faculty, as they have been since 1973.

Section 3.2.2.3:

The University faculty should continue to be able to extend voting membership to other members of our campus community, so this section should not be struck out.

Sections 3.2.3.1 and 3.3.3.2:

It should not be possible for the Provost to propose a revision of the Faculty Handbook, have it rejected by a vote of the Faculty Senate (in which 20% of the voting members are administrators who report to the Provost), and then have it approved by the President. That would enable a Provost, with the consent of the President, to make unilaterally any changes he wanted in the Faculty Handbook. Joel Pust and Terry Harvey both made this point at the April 20 Open Hearing, and the latter observed that it was not just a fantastic hypothetical possibility, since in the spring of 2014 both Provost Grasso and President Harker wanted to impose tagged titles on CNTT faculty.

Section 3.2.5.1 should be revised to read:

"In collaboration with professional staff in the Office of Student Life and the Office of Student Conduct, formulate rules and regulations for the government and discipline of the student body."

Section 3.2.5.2 should be expanded to read:

"Provide for the establishment of the curricula and courses at the university, *including any courses which do not lead to a degree.*"

Section 3.2.5.3 should be expanded to read:

"In collaboration with professional staff in the Office of Student Life, provide for programs of extra-curricular education for students."

Section 3.2.5.4 should be expanded to read:

"In collaboration with professional staff in the Office of Admissions, determine educational and academic policies of admission."

Section 3.2.5.10 should be left unchanged, so that the faculty can continue to delegate powers to the faculties of the colleges.

Section 3.5.1 should be revised so that chairs can be appointed:

"for a specific term of up to five years subject to renewal".

Senator Ismat Shah: It was said that there is no timeline to this process. I think we need a little more time to look into the list of proposals. I don't know if there is a deadline to present this, but if not, this should be given a little more time.

Interim President Targett: This process was really on the board's timeline. It is in their purview as to whether they move forward or not. We can convey to them that the faculty has asked for more time, but it is helpful to know what that time would be used for. If you think there are additional things to be gained by requesting additional time, please make sure that I know that.

Senate President Opila: Any other discussion

Senator Joshua Zide: I make a motion that we go into a quasi committee of the whole to get a sense of the senate on these three issues. This does not preclude any further action that others have proposed.

Senate President Opila: The sense of the senate is not binding, but a mere recommendation. The motion has been made and seconded and unanimously approved.

Vice-President Martha Buell: I don't understand why it is quasi?

Parliamentarian John Jebb: In a quasi committee of the whole, the presider has the right to preside, that's all that it means.

Senate President Opila opened the floor for discussion and vote on the following three items:

1. Item 1: The Faculty Senate has serious concerns about the Provost being able to veto the will of the University Faculty or Faculty Senate without any opportunity for a supermajority of the Faculty to override that veto. We believe this seriously erodes shared governance by disincentivizing collaborative decision-making.

VOTE: 52 for and 2 opposed

2. The Faculty Senate believes that the Faculty should retain the right, which it has traditionally had, to determine which duties to delegate to the faculties of the Colleges. This helps protect the Colleges from one-size-fits-all solutions that create unanticipated problems.

VOTE: 42 for and 1 opposed

3. The Faculty Senate has serious concerns about some of the proposed transfers of responsibilities from the faculty to the administration. While we encourage shared governance, some of these transfers have the unintended consequence of distancing faculty from critical decisions about students' educational experience.

VOTE: 47 for and 3 opposed

Motion moved and seconded to exit the quasi-committee of the whole;
unanimously approved

- X. Recommendation from President Nancy Targett with co-Sponsors Prasad Dhurjati, Martha Buell, Darcy Reisman, Mia Papas and Cecil Dybowski for the approval of a resolution **thanking the Board of Trustees for the open dialogue and opportunity for input around the Board's revision of Article 3 of the University Bylaws.**

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate appreciates the open dialogue and opportunity

for input around the Board's revision of Article 3 of the University Bylaws.

Senator Deni Galileo: I would like to make a motion for a substitute resolution on behalf of myself and 13 others senators including Senators Ackerman, Bellamy, Chajes, Courtright, Custer, Eidelman, Galileo, Gizis, Gutierrez, Hastings, Parcels, Seymour-Green, Shabo, Shah:

The University Faculty Senate thanks the Board of Trustees for seeking to involve the faculty in the proposed revision of Article 3, and respectfully requests that the Board of Trustees not approve a revised version of Article 3 until after the University Faculty Senate has been given an opportunity to consider and then vote to endorse any proposed revisions of Article 3. The University Faculty Senate also expresses its collective belief that it would be prudent to allow the incoming President of our university ample time to consider the consequences of any revised version of Article 3 before the Board of Trustees votes to approve it.

Discussion:

Senator Michael Chajes: I really appreciate the boards' interest in starting a dialogue and I want to thank the committee for working on this. What gives me pause is that in my mind, shared governance is a constant back and forth dialogue and what we are asking for is to continue that dialogue.

Interim President Targett: My personal comment on that would be that we have had dialogue back and forth and sometimes it seems to me that it is shared governance if it goes the way of the faculty senate, but if there is dissent, then it gets kicked down the road until it comes back to faculty senate. And I think shared governance is having that discussion and I think we made huge progress and we compromised. And that is what shared governance is all about; it is about compromise.

Senator Charlie Boncelet: I appreciate what my colleagues have been doing pertaining to this resolution, but I count 2 sentences. I agree with the first sentence, but the second sentence I am not so sure about. I think that life should go on with an interim president and I see no reason to hold off just because we have an interim president. So I am a little indifferent about the second sentence.

Senator John McNutt: Do we have one or two motions on the floor?

President Opila: We only have one; we have a motion from Galileo to amend the initial proposed motion. So we are ok.

Senator John Bernstein: The substance of this amendment really centers on the opportunity to vote; either we think that we should do this as an expression of our opinion, understanding where the authority lies, or it isn't. I think it is the opportunity to vote that is central here.

Motion moved and seconded

VOTE: 32 for and 24 opposed; so the amendment replaces the initial resolution.

Senator Mia Papas: I would like to make a motion to amend this resolution to remove the second sentence from this amendment.

Motion seconded

VOTE: 38 for and 7 opposed; so the amendment is as follows:

“The University Faculty Senate thanks the Board of Trustees for seeking to involve the faculty in the proposed revision of Article 3, and respectfully requests that the Board of Trustees not approve a revised version of Article 3 until after the University Faculty Senate has been given an opportunity to consider and then vote to endorse any proposed revisions of Article 3.”

This resolution called to question

VOTE: 39 for and 7 opposed; resolution carries.

X. Consent Agenda

A. Announcements for Challenge:

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **change the CHEM course numbering scheme in and adding PHYS 333 to upper level elective (UGS0630)** ([attachment](#)) ([revised attachment 1-26-16](#)) ([revised attachment 1-26-16](#)) ([revised attachment 1-26-16](#))

2. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the Major description to clarify existing degree in History – American History (UGS0631)** ([attachment](#)) ([addendum attachment](#))
3. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the Major description to clarify existing degree in History – History and Foreign Language (UGS0632)** ([attachment](#)) ([addendum attachment](#))
4. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the Major description to clarify existing degree in History – History BAAS (UGS0633)** ([attachment](#)) ([addendum attachment](#))
5. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the Major description to clarify existing degree in History – World History (UGS0634)** ([attachment](#)) ([addendum attachment](#))
6. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise Minor description to clarify existing degree – History Minor (UGS0635)** ([attachment](#)) ([addendum attachment](#))
7. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the Major description to clarify existing degree History BA – European History (UGS0636)** ([attachment](#)) ([addendum attachment](#))

8. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **update courses for the Latin American Iberian Studies Major (UGS0638)** ([attachment](#)) ([revised attachment 2-21-16](#)) ([attachment 3-11-16](#)) ([revised attachment 4-11-16](#))
9. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **update courses for the Latin American Iberian Studies Minor (UGS0639)** ([attachment](#)) ([revised attachment 2-21-16](#)) ([WOMS Support](#))
10. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the Italian Education Major (UGS0643)** ([attachment](#)) ([UCTE attachment](#)) ([revised attachment 3-11-16](#)) ([revised attachment 3-22-16](#))
11. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **add a class to the Writing Minor (UGS0648)** ([attachment](#)) ([Gen Ed addendum](#)) ([revised attachment 4-11-16](#))
12. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the Minor in Cognitive Science (UGS0649)** ([attachment](#)) ([addendum attachment](#)) ([revised attachment 2-18-16](#)) ([support attachment](#))
13. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise BM Major in Music Education – Instrumental (UGS0659)** ([attachment](#)) ([UCTE attachment](#)) ([revised attachment 2-1-16](#)) ([revised attachment 4-14-16](#))

14. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the Music Management Studies Minor (UGS0660)** ([attachment](#)) ([revised attachment 2-1-16](#)) ([revised attachment 4-14-16](#))
15. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **add a Minor in Museum Studies (UGS0667)** ([attachment](#)) ([revised attachment 4-11-16](#))
16. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **add a Minor in Spanish for Health Care (UGS0668)** ([attachment](#)) ([addendum attachment](#)) ([revised attachment 3-21-16](#)) ([revised attachment](#))
17. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **add a 4 +1 MA in Italian Studies (UGS0669)** ([attachment](#)) ([addendum attachment](#)) ([revised attachment 3-22-16](#))
18. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **add a minor in Social Entrepreneurship (UGS0688)** ([attachment](#)) ([revised attachment 4-4-16](#))
19. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **add a minor in Business Analytics (UGS0691)** ([attachment](#)) ([addendum attachment 2-17-16](#)) ([revised attachment 3-22-16](#)) ([revised attachment 4-11-16](#)) ([gen ed addendum attachment](#))
20. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the

concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the Management Information Systems (MIS) Major (UGS0693)** ([attachment](#)) ([gen ed addendum](#)) ([revised attachment 4-11-16](#)) ([revised attachment 4-19-16](#))

21. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the core course requirements in the Department of Business Administration UGS0695** ([attachment](#)) ([addendum attachment 3/7/16](#)) ([revised attachment 3-15-16](#)) ([revised attachment 3-18-16](#))
22. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **allow free electives (12 credits) in the Department of Business Administration to be taken within or outside the college of Business and Economics (UGS0696)** ([attachment](#)) ([addendum attachment 3/7/16](#)) ([revised attachment 3-15-16](#)) ([revised attachment 3-18-16](#))
23. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the requirements for the ENTI Major (UGS0702)** ([attachment](#))
24. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD Degree Requirements in Computer and Information Sciences** ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#)) ([attachment 2](#)) ([attachment](#))
25. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the MS in Computer and Information Sciences** ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#))
26. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for

the request to **revise the PhD in Applied Mathematics** ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#))

27. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD in Mathematics** ([attachment](#))
28. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the MSN to Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner** ([attachment](#))
29. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner Concentration** ([attachment](#))
30. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation** ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#))
31. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the MA in History** ([attachment](#))
32. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD in History** ([attachment](#))
33. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the program policy statement for the Graduate Certificate in Bioinformatics- Computational Sciences** ([attachment](#))
34. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for

the request to **revise the graduate program policy for the Graduate Certificate in Bioinformatics – Life Sciences** ([attachment](#))

35. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the graduate program policy for the MS in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology – Life Sciences** ([attachment](#))
36. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the graduate program policy for the MS in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology– Computation Sciences** ([attachment](#))
37. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the graduate program policy for the PSM in Bioinformatics – Computational Sciences** ([attachment](#))
38. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the graduate program policy for the PSM in Bioinformatics – Life Sciences** ([attachment](#))

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the MS in Nursing - Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration** ([attachment](#))

Senator Steve Hastings: The first 23 of these are from the Undergraduate Studies Committee and I am concluding my 3-year term of that committee and I just want to thank everyone who was on that committee.

Motion moved and seconded and unanimously approved.

XI. Regular Agenda

A. Unfinished Business:

1. Recommendation from the Committee on Promotions & Tenure (Mary Ann McLane, Chair) for the request to **change the Faculty Handbook section 4.4.8 Promotion Process Schedule** ([Attachment 1](#)) ([Attachment](#))

WHEREAS, the current time schedule provides at least a month for the Department, College Committee, and the Dean to submit their respective recommendation to the next level of evaluation, and

WHEREAS, the Provost is given 13 days to review all dossiers submitted from the entire university, and

WHEREAS, a change to the deadline for the Provost's recommendation will impact the deadline of candidate notification to the chair of intention to apply for promotion, and

WHEREAS, a change to the deadline for the Provost's recommendation will impact the deadline of the candidate appeal to the Provost's Office, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the deadline for the Provost's recommendation be changed to March 15 in order to allow a full month for that review, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the deadline for the Provost's Office hearing appeals be changed to April 15, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the deadline for a candidate to notify the chair of the intention to apply for promotion in writing be changed to April 30 and that the Provost's Office will not hear appeals beyond April, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommend that the Faculty Handbook 4.4.8 Promotion Process Schedule be revised as in [Attachment 1](#).

Passes unanimously

B. New Business:

1. **Confirmation of Appointments:** [Attachment](#)

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

3. Resolutions:

a. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Robert Opila, Chair) for the request to **approve a resolution thanking Acting President Nancy M. Targett**

WHEREAS, Dr. Nancy M. Targett in 2015 was named the Acting President of the University of Delaware, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Targett has performed admirably in that role, addressing university scholarship, morale, and diversity with her open and transparent commitment to shared governance, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Targett has demonstrated her belief in shared governance with the Faculty Senate through her regular attendance at the Faculty Senate meetings and her open dialog with this body, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Targett has facilitated the transition between two University Presidents, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Targett had previously served as dean of the College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment for ten years and accomplished the addition of vigorous undergraduate programs into a formerly graduate-only college, the restoration of the aging fleet of research ships, and the maintaining of the strong ties of the college in southern Delaware, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty unanimously expresses its appreciation for Nancy M. Targett's dedicated service and contributions as Acting President of the University of Delaware.

Passes unanimously

APPLAUSE and a plaque presented to Acting President Nancy Targett

b. Recommendation from the University Faculty Senate Library Committee (Steve Eidelman, Chair) for the **request to approve the following resolution thanking Interim Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Sandra Millard**

WHEREAS, service as Interim Vice Provost and Director of Libraries fulfilled a vital role at the University of Delaware during a period of transition and change, and

WHEREAS, stepping in as interim vice provost and director of libraries upon the retirement of Susan Brynteson, who led the University of Delaware Library for thirty-five years, is an especially significant undertaking, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sandra Millard has served in this challenging role with grace and aplomb, and

WHEREAS, she has continued to help the Library advance during this transitional year as she did in her prior positions and as we expect she will after returning to that post, and

WHEREAS, the collection of people that Acting President Nancy Targett has termed the “I-Club” of interim administrators is not a small group, but is a prestigious one, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Millard’s service has been critical to the function of the Library, University Museums and University of Delaware Press therefore to the function of the University, be it

RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Delaware offers its hearty thanks to Dr. Sandra Millard for her outstanding leadership as interim vice provost and director of libraries.

Passes unanimously

APPLAUSE and plaque presented to Dr. Sandra Millard (in her absence)

c. Recommendation from the Committee on Promotions and Tenure (Mary Ann McLane, Chair) for the request to **change the Faculty Handbook section 4.4.2 Minimum Standards for Promotion ([Attachment 1](#))**

WHEREAS, the requirement that “clear criteria for Continuing Track faculty members be included in the University Promotion and Tenure documents” was approved by the Faculty Senate on May 4, 2015, and

WHEREAS, those criteria need to be differentiated from the criteria for Tenure Track faculty members, and

WHEREAS, a specific definition of “external” evaluations for Continuing Track faculty members was approved on May 4, 2015, and

RESOLVED, that the changes in Faculty Handbook section 4.4.2 be made as stipulated in [Attachment 1](#).

DISCUSSION

Senator Michael Chajes cedes time to Beth Morling

Beth Morling, co-chair of CT caucus stated that the caucus membership, as well as the executive committee of the caucus, approve the standards overall and appreciate the P and T committee’s hard work on this.

Passes unanimously

d. Recommendation from the Committee on Promotions and Tenure (Mary Ann McLane, Chair) for the request to **change the Faculty Handbook section 4.4.9 Promotion Dossiers** ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, a clearer differentiation between “peer” and “external” evaluations is needed, and

WHEREAS the requirement for external evaluations covers all three areas of teaching, scholarship and service, and

WHEREAS the procedure for choosing external reviewers is not “Evidential Materials”, and

WHEREAS a specific definition of “external” evaluations for Continuing Track faculty members was approved on May 4, 2015, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the changes in Faculty Handbook section 4.4.9 be made as stipulated in [Attachment 1](#).

DISCUSSION

Senator Deni Galileo: Since this applies to both the CT track and tenure track and the committee that Provost Grasso initiated, it seems that it would be wise to put off making these changes until we get the recommendations from the tenure track committee because they might have some different recommendations that what has been laid out. So I would like to make a motion that this be delayed until time specific, or the report from the tenure track committee gets reported to the faculty senate.

Motion seconded

Mary Ann McLane: All of the changes here are even more so related to the outdated version of the current 4.4.9 that was meant to deal with a paper track set up and it wasn't considering continuing track and making it be more for the electronic dossier version. There is nothing here that is changing anything for tenure track at all. So any guidelines that are going to be changed will be changing things that are different from what is prosed here.

Senator Phil Dukar: Are there specific things that Senator Galileo found concerning?

Senator Deni Galileo: I know that it changes the things that go into the dossier and how the dossier is put together and represented. So it is potentially changing criteria for tenure track faculty.

Vice-President Martha Buell: One example of how this could change things is that the external teaching and external scholarship evaluations are being treated the same way for all faculty. So would it be the case that there are choices as to whether you need external scholarship or external teaching? The criteria for external reviews has been somewhat overlapping. I don't know if this is a problem, but it does seem like it would be good to give the faculty some time to look into this.

Senator Mary Ann McLane: Evaluations could be local, but outside the department. This is the case for external service, but not for external teaching. Ok, done deal, this is not clear.

Senator Steve Hastings: I would like some input on the impact of delaying this for departments that have people coming up on contract renewals, where contracts

are not renewed because we don't have a complete P and T document. Will delaying this impact that?

President Bob Opila: We are going to be reexamining this document based on the new commission.

Senator Mary Ann McLane: The intention of this was really just instructional for how to put your dossier together.

Provost Grasso: No, delaying this will not impact contract renewals for current CT faculty.

Vice President Martha Buell: Is this a question of who needs external reviews or where external reviews need to go?

Senator Mary Ann McLane: In a way it is both; that is the intent here.

Senator Cecil Dybowski: For CT faculty, the description of external, it is external to the department, not necessarily external to the University. And that is in section 4.4.2. So external evaluators could be local, they just have to be outside the department. I think the word external is confusing people here.

Senator Charlie Boncelet: I think most people would agree that the P and T process on our campus is a bit of a mess right now. However, I believe what we are discussing right now is whether this resolution should be approved. I disagree with the fact that we should wait. The P and T committee has worked hard on this resolution and the new P and T committee can then amend this based on their findings.

Senator from Business (name unclear): Does this mean that for tenure track faculty, there will be a requirement of external teaching evaluations?

President Bob Opila: It is up to your department.

Senator Josh Zide: I move to call the question on the motion to delay

Motion is seconded

VOTE on calling the question: unanimous approval

VOTE on delaying the resolution: against – senate votes to NOT delay this motion

Senator Chris Williams: Is it worthwhile to propose a friendly amendment to take the second sentence of 7 and bring it up into 6 to bring that language into the teaching category.

President Bob Opila: I would like to take amendments on this and vote on it.

So this amendment is seconded

Senator Phil Dukar: Instead of for 7, can we say “service and/or teaching” everywhere it says service.

Senator Josh Zide: I think we are creating some ambiguity

Senator John Gizis: I think this is unnecessary and we should accept the document as written. Department documents and other sections of the handbook deal with this already.

Senator Michael Chajes cedes time to Beth Morling

Beth Morling: I would like to propose a change. We felt like student learning is absent from the list of teaching evidential materials. The course portfolio evaluation could be changed to include student learning.

Senator Michael Chajes makes this amendment and it is seconded

President Bob Opila: We are now out of order; sorry I am doing a bad job today. The motion on the floor is to copy the line from section 7 to section 6.

Senator Mary Ann McLane: I would like to recommend against this since 6 and 7 are talking about 2 different things.

VOTE: this motion does not carry; the line will not be copied

VOTE on Chajes amendment: this motion passes with the majority

VOTE on resolution to change section 4.4.9: this motion passes unanimously (43 in favor; 0 opposed)

e. Recommendation from the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) with the concurrence of the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Brian Hanson, Chair) for the request to **revise the charge of the Standing Coordinating Committee on Education located in the Faculty Handbook Section 1.3 Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate** ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, the charge of the Coordinating Committee on Education has not been reviewed for many years, and

WHEREAS, the revisions now more accurately reflect the current responsibilities of the committee, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the charge of the Faculty Senate Coordinating Committee on Education, as described in Section 1.3 of the Faculty Handbook, be revised as in [Attachment 1](#).

Unanimously approved

f. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Library Committee (Steve Eidelman, Chair) with the concurrence of the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Brian Hanson, Chair) for the request to **revise the charge of the Standing Library Committee located in the Faculty Handbook Section 1.3 Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate** ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, the prescribed membership of the Faculty Senate Committee on the Library as described in Section 1.3 of the Faculty Handbook does not match tradition, and

WHEREAS, the diversity of viewpoints offered by three representatives from different parts of the College of Arts and Sciences is valued by the Committee, and

WHEREAS, student representation, both graduate and undergraduate, is especially useful to the Committee, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the charge of the Faculty Senate Library Committee, as described in Section 1.3 of the Faculty Handbook, is changed in accordance with [Attachment 1](#) above.

Unanimously approved

- g. Recommendation from the Office of the Deputy Provost with the concurrence of the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees and Nominations for the request to revise the Faculty Handbook section 3.4 Academic Program Review ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, Section 3.4 of the Faculty Handbook, Academic Program Reviews, does not reflect the current practices, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that Section 3.4 be updated to reflect these changes as detailed in [Attachment 1](#). *(Note, in attachment 1 a small edit to include the word Provost, which was missing from one of the titles, was made on the floor)*

Unanimously approved

(h was moved to time specific)

- i. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **add a new BA Major in Astronomy (UGS0671)** ([attachment](#)) ([addendum attachment](#)) ([email attachment 4-4-16](#)) ([email attachment 4-14-16](#)) ([revised attachment 4-20-16](#)) ([revised attachment 4-20-16](#)) ([resolution attachment](#))

WHEREAS, the Department of Physics and Astronomy (DPA) in the college of Arts and Sciences has offered successful programs for the BA and BS in Physics offering students the opportunity to become technically competent contributors to a variety of STEM fields, and

WHEREAS, the DPA has received many inquiries over the last several years from students interested in obtaining a detailed understanding of the structure of the universe, and

WHEREAS, the DPA has proposed the BA in Astronomy, which will offer a new route for students to pursue a STEM degree with specific training in astrophysical phenomena, and

WHEREAS, the existing undergraduate programs in the DPA already provide a

majority of all the courses and administrative frame work for such a degree, and

WHEREAS, the proposed major contributes to “learner-centered” university to help develop problem solvers who are globally aware; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends provisionally for the five years the approval of the establishment of a new Bachelor of Arts in Astronomy.

Unanimously approved

j. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise and change the name of the BS in Mathematics (UGS0697)** ([attachment](#)) ([revised attachment 3-11-16](#))

WHEREAS, the term Mathematical Sciences is supposed to suggest Mathematics and related fields such as Statistics, Operations Research and areas of applications of mathematics; and

WHEREAS, the department now offers separate undergraduate degrees in areas of applications of mathematics such as Actuarial Sciences, Quantitative Biology, Applied Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, the BS in Mathematical Sciences does not require an area of application of mathematics; and the name change has the support of the Undergraduate Studies Committee; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves a name change for the Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Sciences to Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, effective September 1, 2016

Unanimously approved

k. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **move the Sport Management Major from Business Administration to HRIM** ([attachment](#)) ([revised attachment](#))

WHEREAS, the Sport Management major within the department of Business Administration within the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics (Lerner); and

WHEREAS, the Sport Management major is a business major that has a focus on an industry within the realm of business; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management is a department that has a focus on an industry within the realm of business; and

WHEREAS, faculty in both Departments have determined that the Sport Management major has a better academic fit within the Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management based on undergraduate curriculum, student needs, and an industry focus; and

WHEREAS, the faculty in both departments voted unanimously in favor of the Sport Management major to move to the HRIM department; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends that Sport Management will be an undergraduate major in the Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management within the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics.

Unanimously approved

I. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the **request for Permanent Status of the Bachelor of Science in Marine Science and Policy** ([attachment](#)) ([report attachment](#))

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Science in Marine Science was provisionally approved on February 7, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the School of Marine Science and Policy has been offering the BS in Marine Science for five year, with continued increased enrollment, and

WHEREAS, student interest in the program has been demonstrated by the actual enrollment as compared to the projected enrollment, and

WHEREAS, the program has received full support of the SMSP faculty as well as the faculty in all programs affected by the curriculum, and

WHEREAS, at the end of the provisional period an external review team recommended that the Bachelor of Science in Marine Science be granted permanent status, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommend that the Bachelor of Science in Marine Science be granted permanent status effective Fall 16.

Unanimously approved

m. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the **request for Permanent Status of the Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics** ([attachment](#)) ([report attachment](#))

WHEREAS, the Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Sciences has been offering the BA in Linguistics for five years and the number of majors has grown from 8 to 18, and

WHEREAS, Linguistics is a scientific and humanistic study that meets all of the goals of undergraduate education and fits the Delaware will Shine initiative, and

WHEREAS, most major universities in the area and the nation offer degrees in linguistics, and

WHEREAS, the curriculum for the BA in Linguistics also serves other programs such as the very large BS in Cognitive Science, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends permanent approval of the BA in Linguistics, effective September 1, 2016.

Unanimously approved

n. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request **for Permanent Status of the Bachelor of Science – Hospitality Industry Studies**

[\(attachment\)](#) [\(report attachment\)](#)

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate granted provisional approval for five years to the BS major in Hospitality Industry Management effective, September 2011, and

WHEREAS, the Hospitality Industry Management major has been successful in attracting excellent students, and

WHEREAS, the Hospitality Industry Management major meets the goals of undergraduate education and fits the Delaware will Shine initiative, be it therefore

RESOLVED , that the Faculty Senate recommends permanent approval of the Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Industry Management in the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics, effective September 2016.

Unanimously approved

o. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request for **Permanent Status of the Bachelor of Music – Music History and Literature** [\(attachment\)](#) [\(report attachment\)](#)

WHEREAS, the Department of Music has offered, provisionally for five years, a major in Music History and Literature within the Bachelor of Music, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Music continues to have a growing number of students who choose to study Music History and Literature, and

WHEREAS, these students have been served well by a rigorous academic degree that prepares them for graduate study in Musicology, and

WHEREAS, the study of Music History and Literature adds an important element of interdisciplinary study in the area of music, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends permanent approval of the major entitled Music History and Literature within the degree Bachelor of Music, effective September 1, 2016.

Unanimously approved

p. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the **request for Permanent Status of the Bachelor of Music – Composition** ([attachment](#)) ([report attachment](#))

WHEREAS, the composition of music is a vital activity that maintains our musical culture, and

WHEREAS, the study of Music Composition has previously been an integral part of the music program within the degree Bachelor of Music with a major in Music Theory and Composition, and

WHEREAS, the study of Music Composition represents an endeavor that blends the academic and artistic in ways that differ in emphasis from the study of Music Theory and Music History and Literature, and

WHEREAS, the Department Music has offered provisionally, for five years, the degree program, Bachelor of Music with a major in Music Composition, and

WHEREAS, the major in Music Composition has been a highly successful program, graduating students that have gone on to prestigious graduate programs and successful careers, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends permanent approval of the major entitled Music Composition within the degree Bachelor of Music, effective September 1, 2016.

Unanimously approved

q. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **add an MS option in Financial Analytics** ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#))

WHEREAS, the Institute for Financial Services Analytics (IFSA), a joint program between the Alfred Lerner College of Business & Economics and the College of

Engineering has offered a successful program for the PhD in Financial Services Analytics (FSAN) providing students skills to work in the field of financial services analytics as researchers in industry or academia; and

WHEREAS, IFSA has received many requests from faculty members and students over the last year to provide an alternative exit alternative for the FSAN students who did not find the right fit in the existing PhD Program, and

WHEREAS, IFSA has proposed a Master of Science degree in FSAN that will provide students with graduate-level knowledge and skills in FSAN without the time commitment needed to pursue a doctoral-level program of independent research, and

WHEREAS, the existing PhD program in FSAN already provides all the courses and administrative framework for such a degree, and

WHEREAS, the proposed major contributes to one of the strategic initiatives in the University's "Delaware Will Shine" strategic plan, to advance the University's research and scholarly excellence through multidisciplinary research and a stronger investment in graduate education, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends provisionally for five years the approval of the establishment of a new Master of Science in Financial Services Analytics.

Unanimously approved

r. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **add an MS degree in Biomedical Engineering** ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#))

WHEREAS, the Department of Biomedical Engineering (BME) in the College of Engineering has offered successful programs for the BS and PhD in BME offering students skills to successfully work as biomedical engineers and biomedical engineering researchers, and

WHEREAS, BME has proposed a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering that will provide students with graduate-level knowledge and skills in Biomedical Engineering without the time commitment needed to pursue a doctoral-level program of independent research, and

WHEREAS, the existing PhD program in Biomedical Engineering already provides 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 Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering.

Unanimously approved

s. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **not put forward for permanent status the MA in Historic Preservation (MAHP) ([attachment](#))**

WHEREAS, a provisional approval of a master's degree in Historic Preservation was granted in 2010 and the time for submitting a request for permanent approval was extended by one year, and

WHEREAS, the faculty of the School of Public Policy voted against supporting an application for permanent approval of the Master's degree, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves that the Master of History Preservation not be permanently approved.

Unanimously approved

t. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies

(Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the **request for Permanent Approval of the MS in Water Science and Policy** ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#))

WHEREAS, the MS in Water Science and Policy was given provisional approval in September 1, 2011, and thus needs to gain permanent status, and

WHEREAS, the Water Science and Policy is a university-wide program supported by four colleges and the Delaware Environmental Institute and meets the goals of graduate education and fits the Path to Prominence, and

WHEREAS, Water Science and Policy program is a truly interdisciplinary program that prepares students to address water-related challenges that are not only scientifically sound, but economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally sustainable, and

WHEREAS, the Water Science and Policy program has grown rapidly from zero to 20 graduate students in five years (including two that have graduated) and

WHEREAS, students who have graduated with a MS in Water Science and Policy have an excellent placement history in the environmental and water industry, and be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends permanent approval of the establishment of the MS in Water Science and Policy effective September 1, 2016.

Unanimously approved

u. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the MSN in Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Program and change the name to Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program** ([attachment](#))

WHEREAS, the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Consensus Guidelines (2008) have defined the standard, accepted population-focused nurse

practitioner roles, and

WHEREAS, according to these guidelines, all Adult/Gerontology nurse practitioner programs are focused on either acute care or primary care and have specific certification exams, and

WHEREAS, the SON Adult/Gerontology program has a primary care focus, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommend the new name for the Adult/Gerontology program be changed to Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program.

Unanimously approved

v. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **revise the MSN Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration and change the name to Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner** ([attachment](#))

WHEREAS, the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Consensus Guidelines (2008) have defined the standard, accepted population-focused nurse practitioner roles, and

WHEREAS, the family nurse practitioner role is now referred to as Family/Individual Across the Lifespan, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends the School of Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Program name be changed to Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner Program.

Unanimously approved

w. Recommendation from the Rules Committee for the **proposed meeting dates for the 2016-2017 academic year**

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 2016 – 2017 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

Fall 2016

Monday, September 12

Monday, October 10 Note: postpone from Monday, October 3 due to Rosh Hashanah

Monday, November 7

Monday, December 5

Spring 2017

Monday, Feb 6

Monday, March 6

Monday, April 3

Monday, May 1

Unanimously approved

XII. 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.)

Senator Deni Galileo cedes his time to John Morgan

John Morgan proposed seeing a short list of proposals made by the office of student life, the office of student conduct and the Provost office, where this faculty senate did not approve what they saw as reasonable proposals. I think this will be a very short list and that list should be forwarded to the Interim

President.

President Bob Opila: Thank you to everyone, I have had a great year and learned a lot and I really appreciate it!

APPLAUSE

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm