

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

FEBRUARY 6, 2017 – 104 GORE HALL

4:00 PM

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** B. Ackerman, D. Assanis, M. Badiy, J. Bernstein, C. Boncelet, M. Buell, M. Carothers, M. Chajes, J. Coughenour, K. Cranker, J. Custer, J. Daniel, P. Dhurjati, C. Dybowski, S. Eidelman, J. Firestone, A. Fox, A. Friedman, J. Fuhrmann, D. Galileo, J. Gizis, B. Glass, D. Grasso, M. Grotti, S. Hastings, A. Hestivik, J. Hiebert, J. Jebb, M. Keefe, C. Keeler, C. Knight, S. Koshari, L. Liao, J. McGee, M. McLane, D.C. Moore, J. Morrison, J. Naccarelli, B. Ogunnaike, L. Okagaki, R. Opila, Y. Ou, M. Parcels, A. Poorani, M. Rieger, C. Riordan, V. Rujivacharakul, K. Schell, M. Seymour-Green, S. Shabo, I. Shah, D. Stevens, S. Sundaram, C. Swanik, D. Thompson, C. Vukelich, G. Watson, C. Williams, L. Worden, J. Zide

**Members Excused:** J. Courtright, A. Everard, D. Green, D. Jaisi,

### **I. Adoption of the Agenda**

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### **II. Approval of the Minutes: December 5, 2016**

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### **III. Remarks: President Dennis Assanis and Introduction of his Leadership Team**

1. priorities
  - a. team effort means partnership
  - b. helping students succeed is number one priority
    - i. 4 year grad rate over 72%
      1. women outperform men
    - ii. 92% employment/grad rate
  - c. diversity
- .23% underrepresented better than five years ago
- d. stronger interdisciplinary and global focus
- e. graduate education
- .graduate college time has come to connect siloed programs
- i.task force is as at work
- f. innovation and entrepreneurship

- .exciting things are happening with partnerships
- g. all this costs money
- .state provides limited funding
- i.lots of challenges ahead
- h. Introduction of administration team

#### IV. **Remarks:** Provost Domenico Grasso

1. **DC executive orders are causing stress among students and scholars**
  - a. **hosting forum on immigration orders tomorrow**
  - b. **another forum next week “what happens now?”**
  - c. **3188 foreign scholars on campus**
2. **graduate college working group has been meeting weekly**
3. **P&T commission has been meeting and will release report before the end of the semester**
4. **working with senate to put together group to advise president and provost to discuss use of university dollars to sponsor travel to North Carolina.**

#### V. **Announcements:** Senate President [Prasad Dhurjati](#)

Charlie Riordan, Vice President for Research, Scholarship and Innovation discussed manufacturing innovation efforts NIIMBL and RAPID

#### VI. **Consent Agenda:**

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to Accounting major (UGS0703)** ([revised attachment 1-12-17](#))
2. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to the Mechanical Engineering Program (UGS 0704)** ([attachment](#))
3. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to the BS Major in Landscape Architecture (UGS0705)** ([attachment](#))
4. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to the Geological Sciences BA Major (UGS0706)** ([attachment](#))

5. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to the Geological Sciences BS Major (UGS0707)** ([attachment](#))
6. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to the Spanish Minor (UGS0708)** ([attachment](#))
7. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **add a Minor in Sustainable Apparel and Textile Innovation (UGS0709)** ([attachment](#))
8. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **add a Minor in Fashion Business Management (UGS0710)** ([attachment](#))
9. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to BA in Art Conservation (UGS0711)** ([attachment](#))
10. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to the BA in Communication Media (UGS0712)** ([attachment](#))
11. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to the BA in Communication Interpersonal (UGS0713)** ([attachment](#))
12. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the revision of a Major Concentrations to Majors and Add Capstone – Change name of Three Languages Major (UGS0714) ([attachment](#))
13. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to Major Concentration –**

**BA Foreign Languages and Literatures – Ancient Greek and Roman Studies to BA – Ancient Greek and Roman Studies (UGS0715)([attachment](#))**

14. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to Major Concentration – Add Capstone – Change Degree Name from BA Foreign Languages and Literatures – French Studies to BA French Studies (UGS0717)** ([attachment](#))

15. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to Major Concentration – Add Capstone – Change Degree Name from BA Foreign Languages and Literatures – German Studies to BA German Studies (UGS0718)** ([attachment](#))

16. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to Major Concentration – Add Capstone – Change Degree Name from BA Foreign Languages and Literatures – Italian Studies to BA Italian Studies (UGS0719)** ([attachment](#))

17. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to Major Concentration – Add Capstone – Change Degree Name from BA Foreign Languages and Literatures – Russian Studies to BA Russian Studies (UGS0721)** ([attachment](#))

18. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to the Environmental Humanities Minor (UGS0723)** ([attachment](#))

19. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **delete Concentration BA History Education/American History (UGS0724)** ([attachment](#))

20. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request **to delete Concentration BA History Education/European History (UGS0725)** ([attachment](#))

21. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to **delete Concentration BA History Education/World History (UGS0726)** ([attachment](#))

22. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to the History Education BA Major (UGS0727)** ([attachment](#))

23. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to the History Minor (UGS0728)** ([attachment](#))

24. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **revision to the Major – Medical Diagnostics BS – Pre-Physician (UGS0733)** ([attachment](#))  
44-0 in favor

## VII. Regular Agenda:

### A. Unfinished Business: None

### B. New Business:

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees and Nominations (Chris Williams, Chair) with the concurrence of the Rules Committee (Alan Fox, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for a **Name Change of the Faculty Senate Academic Priorities Review Committee and for a revision to the Membership and Charge** ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, the Academic Priorities Review Committee is being proposed to consist of five Former Senate Presidents, current President and President-Elect, and

WHEREAS, the committee will have an important charge of providing historical perspective for the University, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the committee be renamed as the “Academic Priorities and Presidential Advisory Committee” and the charge and composition be revised as in Attachment 1.

friendly amendment offered to change number of required meetings during the year.

51-0-1 in favor

2. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Graduate Studies Committee (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the **request to grant Permanent Status to the MS in Disaster Science and Management** ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#)) ([resolution](#)) ([faculty review report](#))

WHEREAS, the MS in Disaster Science and Management was given provisional approval in April 2009, and thus needs to gain permanent status, and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Science and Management is a program supported by faculty from three colleges and the Disaster Research Center and meets the goals of graduate education and fits the Path to Prominence, and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Science and Management program is a truly interdisciplinary program that prepares students to address the complexities associated with understanding and managing the risks, causes, and consequences of disasters

WHEREAS, the Disaster Science and Management MS program has grown rapidly from zero to thirty-one students including twenty-two graduates and

WHEREAS, students who have graduated with the degree have had an excellent placement history in the industry and in academic programs, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends permanent approval of the MS in Disaster Science and Management.

passed unanimously

3. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Graduate Studies Committee (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the **request to grant Permanent Status to the PhD in Disaster Science and Management** ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#)) ([attachment](#)) ([resolution](#)) ([faculty review report](#))

WHEREAS, the PhD in Disaster Science and Management was given provisional approval in April 2009, and thus needs to gain permanent status, and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Science and Management is a program supported by faculty in three colleges and the Disaster Research Center and meets the goals of graduate education and fits the Path to Prominence, and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Science and Management program is a truly interdisciplinary research based program that prepares students to explore the complexities associated with understanding how the social, built, and natural environment intersect to generate disasters

WHEREAS, the Disaster Science and Management PhD program has grown rapidly from zero to Thirty two students with eleven graduates and

WHEREAS, students who have graduated with the degree have had an excellent placement history in the academy, industry, and government, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends permanent approval of the PhD in Disaster Science and Management.

passed unanimously

**4. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Graduate Studies Committee (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Martha Buell, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to add a Master's Degree in Leadership and Disability Services ([attachment](#))**

WHEREAS, US Census data document that nearly one in five Americans is living with some form of a disability, with aging demographics portending an increase in the prevalence of disabilities, and

WHEREAS, there is a significant need for leaders in organizations providing disability services who have the appropriate knowledge base, organizational and administrative skills, and overall understanding of and respect for individuals with disabilities and their families, and

WHEREAS, expertise for this program is shared among faculty in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, the Department of Behavioral Health and Nutrition, and the School of Education, and

WHEREAS, there are a large number of existing graduate courses in these academic units that provide appropriate knowledge and skills for training leaders for organizations providing disability services, and

WHEREAS, the proposed program will contribute to the University's strategic goal to become a premier graduate university; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends provisional approval of the establishment of a new interdisciplinary M.A. in Leadership for Disability Services.

passed unanimously

**5. Recommendation from the Committee on Promotions and Tenure (Mary Ann McLane, Chair) with the concurrence of the Executive Committee (Prasad Dhurjati) for the request to change the Faculty Handbook section 4.1.6 Non-Tenure Track Faculty ([Attachment 1](#))**

WHEREAS, section 4.1.6 defines the timeline for periodic peer evaluations for Continuing Track faculty up to year 13 of employment, when a 5-year “rolling” contract is received, and

WHEREAS, section 4.1.6 states that “Faculty on five year rolling contracts are subject to the peer evaluation of faculty as defined in the Faculty Handbook”, and

WHEREAS, the link provided in that section is for section 4.3.5, Evaluation of Faculty Members, and

WHEREAS, the section 4.3.5 subsection “Periods of Peer Evaluation” describes the evaluation timeline guidelines as “at least every two years”, and

WHEREAS, requiring faculty in a 5-year rolling contract, who have been at the university 13+ years, to have a mandated peer evaluation every two years is unreasonable, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the changes in Faculty Handbook section 4.1.6 be made as stipulated in Attachment 1.

**passed unanimously**

### **VIII. Introduction of New Business:**

Such items as may come before the Senate. (No motion introduced under new business, except a motion to refer to committee, shall be acted upon until the next meeting of the Senate.)

There was a request by Senator Charles Bonscelet regarding the size of the room for the faculty senate meetings (104 Gore) and suggested that FS being conducted in another venue.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM.