

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY

SENATE OCTOBER 2, 2017 – MITCHELL HALL

General Faculty Meeting

President Assanis

3:30 PM

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Faculty Senate Meeting

4:15 PM

Minutes

Members Present: President Assanis, E. Atekwana, W. Bellion, J. Bernstein, A. Bhat, C. Boncelet, M. Buell, D. Buttrey, R. Coulter, J. Custer, J. Daniel, C. Dybowski, S. Eidelman, J. Erickson, A. Fox, A. Friedman, D. Galileo, J. Gizis, D. Grasso, D. Green, M. Grotti, K. Takacs Haynes, A. Hestvik, F. Hofstetter, P. Inguito, J. Jebb, A. Johnson, M. Keefe, C. Keeler, C. Knight, S. Koshari, M. Laberge, W. Lewis, L. Liao, S. Lu, D. Maisson, N. Makos, I. Masmoudi, J. McGee, D. C. Moore, J. Morrison, S. Mortenson, B. Ogunnaike, L. Okagaki, E. Orsega-Smith, L. Overby, M. Parcells, K. Peterson, A. Poorani, M. Rieger, M. Santare, K. Schell, S. Shabo, I. Shah, D. Stevens, D. Veron C. Vukelich, G. Watson, B. Weber, C. Williams, J. Zide

Members Excused: B. Ackerman, V. Alexander, E. Benson, K. Cranker, K. Matt, C. Riordan, S. Sundaram, J. Firestone, J. Fuhrmann, J. Coughenour,

I. Adoption of the Agenda

President Buell introduced some minor modifications to the resolution regarding the recommendation for a University Ombudsman.

A. Moved and seconded, no discussion

B. vote: 45-0-1 (abstention), motion approved

II. Approval of the Minutes: [September 11, 2017](#)

A. Moved and seconded, no discussion

B. vote: 47 - 0- 1 (abstention), motion approved

III. Remarks: Provost Domenico Grasso

The Provost gave his farewell address. He thanked wife, Susan, and said that his tenure was focused on addressing an increasing trust deficit between the faculty and administration. He said he wanted to strengthen connections between faculty and administration. He quoted Alan Iverson regarding his statement about purpose, and listed issues that had been addressed during his time as Provost: the clarification of the role and evaluation of CNTT faculty, the development of a UD strategic plan, the testing of a new budget model, and dealing with St. Patrick's day. He urged the faculty and administration to continue working collaboratively towards common goals.

IV. Announcements: Senate President Martha Buell detailed several information items ([SLIDES](#))

V. Consent Agenda: None

VI. Regular Agenda:

A. Unfinished Business: None

B. New Business:

Resolutions:

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for the approval of a University of Delaware Office of the Ombudsman. (Attachment, Women's Caucus) ([attachment](#))

WHEREAS, in 2013 the Women's Caucus of the Diversity and Equity Commission submitted a formal request with rationale to the central administration, the leadership of the AAUP, and Faculty Senate President for an ombudsperson office at the University of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the ombudsperson's office provides a neutral place for the University campus community to voice concerns and receive impartial assistance in resolving conflicts and problems; and

WHEREAS, the request has since been vetted and supported by the eight Caucuses (African Heritage, Asian/Pacific Islander, Disability, International, Latino/Hispanic, Muslim, Religious, and LGBT) of the Office of Diversity at the University of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the University is committed to embracing a diverse and inclusive campus that seeks to create a climate that promotes fairness and equity for people throughout all areas of the University as core to our commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, establishing the Office as a confidential, neutral, independent, and informal dispute resolution resource for all members of the University community would affirm the University's dedication to fostering a climate of fairness, equity, and respect by encouraging collaborative problem-solving and informal dispute resolution in a safe place to voice concerns; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate requests the establishment of the Office of the Ombudsman to provide confidential services that include, but are not limited to, (1) informal dispute resolution services to the University community including faculty, staff, and students, (2) hearing of problems and concerns, (3) providing options for problem-solving, and (4) providing an Office that is easily accessible to all those it serves.

Discussion

- Described by President Buell, opened for discussion
- Joshua Zide offered a friendly amendment suggesting a name change to *Ombudsperson*
- The friendly amendment was seconded and accepted by Executive Committee
- President Buell provided background and rationale for the resolution
- David Masisson (President of the Graduate Student Government) - asked if the Ombudsperson would field concerns raised by graduate students and the understanding was that this person would have that authority, as well

Vote:

For 49

Against 2

Abstentions 1

The Resolution was Approved

2. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the Concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Martha Buell, Chair) for the approval of a resolution concerning General Education curricular mapping data.

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate previously directed each department or program responsible for administering undergraduate majors to participate in a curricular mapping process to ensure that their degree programs, inclusive of major, college, and university requirements fully support student development in all Objectives of General Education

WHEREAS, the curricular mapping data would be useful for faculty, students, and advisors particularly in planning academic programs and course selections, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate Committee on General Education in partnership with the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies work with departments and programs to update and finalize the General Education curricular mapping data no later than December 31, 2017, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate directs each department or program responsible for administering undergraduate majors to participate in the General Education curricular mapping process administered by the Faculty Senate Committee on General Education, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate Committee on General Education in partnership with the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies work with the Registrar to

incorporate the General Education curricular mapping data into the course catalog, including the online course search webpage(s), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies work with the Registrar to incorporate the General Education objectives in all relevant forms and processes to allow departments and programs to add or revise General Education objective data for courses.

Discussion:

Rusty Lee provided slides on the background, history and rationale for the resolution. ([Slides](#))

Questions:

Fred Hoffsteter - spoke in support of the mapping

Jim Morrison - suggested that we have a larger number of students creating their own major abridging requirements. This was found not likely to be the case, as unique programs do not get to opt out of any requirements, but must include all University requirements.

Question called for a vote:

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| For | 39 |
| Against | 1 |
| Abstain | 1 |

The Resolution was Approved.

VII. Presentations:

None.

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.)

Joshua Zide Introduced a resolution thanking Provost Grasso for his service to the University for inclusion on the November agenda. This was Moved and seconded and will be included on the November agenda.

The Meeting was adjourned on motion at 5:15 PM.