

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

NOVEMBER 3, 2014 – 104 GORE HALL

4:00 PM

October 22, 2014

TO: Senators and Executives

FROM: Prasad Dhurjati, Vice President
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting November 3, 2014

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, November 3rd at 4:00 p.m. in room 104 Gore Hall.

The Agenda will be as follows:

AGENDA

I. Adoption of the Agenda

II. Approval of the Minutes: [October 6, 2014](#)

III. Remarks: Vice Provost Matthew Kinservik

IV. Announcements: Senate President Fred Hofstetter

V. Presentations:

Acquisition of Surplus Military Equipment

Pat Ogden, Chief of Police

Skip Homiak, Executive Director of Campus and Public Safety

Scott Douglass, Executive Vice President and Treasurer

VI. Consent Agenda: None

VII. Regular Agenda:

1. Unfinished Business: None

2. New Business:

- a. Recommendation from the Committee on Graduate Studies (Charles Swanik, Chair) with the concurrence of the Rules Committee (Anu Sivaraman, Chair) for the recommendation to revise the Charge of the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies and the Faculty Handbook section 1.3([original redline attachment](#)) ([attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware Faculty Senate Graduate Studies Committee shall receive and may stimulate and originate proposals for its development, and

WHEREAS, this committee shall have the power to act on and shall make recommendations to the Faculty Senate on matters of policy concerning graduate study, and

WHEREAS, the title for one of the ex officio members listed is Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Planning, and this position no longer exists, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education, or their designee, shall serve on the committee as one of the ex officio members, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the charge of the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies shall be revised as in the redline document attached ([redline attachment](#)).

- b. Recommendation from the Committee on General Education (Norm Wagner, Chair) for the approval of the resolution concerning the future of General Education at UD ([addendum attachment](#))

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware exists to cultivate learning, develop knowledge, and foster the free exchange of ideas, and

WHEREAS, a robust program of general education is an essential component of the cultivation of learning, the development of knowledge, and the fostering of a free exchange of ideas, and

WHEREAS, the overarching goal of general education at the University of Delaware is to set students along the path of possessing the characteristics of one who is both broadly and deeply educated, and

WHEREAS, in our April 2011 self-study prepared for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, we noted that the current undergraduate general education goals, requirements, and assessment activities are under review with an eye toward streamlining the list of goals and taking action steps between now and 2015 to establish a coherent and integrative program of undergraduate education and university requirements, and

WHEREAS, this review has proceeded and culminated in the recommendations below, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate adopts the following statement of purposes for the University of Delaware's general education program:

We seek to prepare students who are:

- Engaged citizens, involved in the world around them, and who understand the major challenges and debates of the day;
- Aware of their intellectual strengths and interests and of their ethical values and commitments;
- Capable of interpreting the arts and culture of contemporary and past societies; and
- Equipped with the essential skills necessary to thrive in a rapidly evolving world including the ability to be a lifelong learner, creator, and innovator.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that to meet these purposes, the Faculty Senate adopts for all students the five objectives of general education set forth as follows:

General education at the University of Delaware prepares students who are able to:

- (1) Read critically, analyze arguments and information, and engage in constructive ideation.
- (2) Communicate effectively in writing, orally, and through creative expression.
- (3) Work collaboratively and independently within and across a variety of cultural contexts and a spectrum of differences.
- (4) Critically evaluate the ethical implications of what they say and do.
- (5) Reason quantitatively, computationally, and scientifically.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that to implement these objectives, the General Education Committee of the Faculty Senate will by 1 April 2015 submit an implementation plan aligned with the UD General Education Objectives; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the General Education Committee will develop an assessment plan whereby the University of Delaware can track student progress toward meeting the UD General Education Objectives; and be it further

RESOLVED, that an open hearing will be held during the early part of the Spring semester of 2015 to receive campus input regarding these plans.

- c. Recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Bob Opila, Chair) for the approval of a resolution concerning Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) at UD.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has assigned to the Faculty the responsibility of providing for the establishment of curricula and courses as well as for the establishment of a program of extra-curricular education; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty have established their Senate to exercise all the powers vested in the Faculty by the Board of Trustees and to determine the duties that it will delegate to faculty committees; and

WHEREAS, the Senate's Coordinating Committee on Education is charged with reviewing the broad educational affairs of the University and for providing for the examination and preparation of educational proposals; and

WHEREAS, the University is now endorsing Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs); and

WHEREAS, these courses are not currently approved by the Faculty through their Senate as are all other courses; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all MOOCs offered by the University of Delaware must be approved by the Senate's Coordinating Committee on Education.

- d. Resolution to form a commission to review current policies and procedures for addressing sexual harassment and assault allegations ([charge and membership attachment](#))

WHEREAS, sexual harassment and assault on college campuses is a nationwide problem, and

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware should strive to create a safe and supportive environment for all students, faculty, staff, and administrators and should provide an exemplary model for addressing sexual harassment and assault cases, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a commission with representation from students, faculty, staff, and administrators will be formed by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and given the task of making recommendations for the implementation of best practices regarding policies and procedures for addressing sexual harassment and assault allegations, and be it further

RESOLVED, that to achieve this goal the commission will work in concert with the Title IX Coordinator's efforts to review current policies at the University of Delaware and elsewhere, ensure that the community is educated regarding current policies, broadly solicit recommendations for improving current policies, develop proposed policy changes, and hold hearings to obtain input on proposed policy changes, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the commission will develop recommendations for consideration by the full Faculty Senate no later than the April 2015 Faculty Senate meeting.

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.)