

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

November 6, 2017 – 104 Gore Hall

4:00 PM

October 30, 2017

TO: Senators and Executives

FROM: Mark Parcells, Vice President
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting November 6, 2017

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, November 6 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 2, 2017](#)

III. Remarks: Provost Robin Morgan

IV. Announcements: Senate President Martha Buell

V. Consent Agenda: None

VI. Regular Agenda:

A. Unfinished Business: None

B. New Business:

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Wei-Jun, Chair & Deb Jaisi, Co-Chair) with the concurrence of the Executive

Committee (Martha Buell, Chair) for the **approval of a resolution concerning funding for a potential Graduate College at the University of Delaware**

- WHEREAS, The University of Delaware is considering the establishment of a Graduate College that is intended to enhance the innovation and excellence of all graduate programs, promote interdisciplinary efforts across campus, support the faculty's efforts to attract and retain a diverse and highly qualified student body, and centralize and enhance graduate student services including professional development and career planning; and
- WHEREAS, The establishment of a UD Graduate College is likely to support undergraduate education by providing opportunities for integration with the Honors Program, undergraduate research, and other programs that bridge undergraduate and graduate education such as 4+1 bachelor's/master's programs; and
- WHEREAS, A Graduate College Working Group has prepared and submitted a report (<http://grad.udel.edu/grad-white-paper>), campus forums have been and continue to be held, and consultants external to UD have provided examples of graduate colleges elsewhere and made recommendations to UD; and
- WHEREAS, A proposal for the establishment of a UD Graduate College is planned for submission to the Faculty Senate in spring 2018; and
- WHEREAS, The establishment of a UD Graduate College is likely to depend on the identification and acquisition of resources necessary to support it; and
- WHEREAS, UD intends to launch a comprehensive campaign in November 2017, and this campaign will offer special opportunities to seek significant funding; now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate supports efforts by the President of UD to seek funding for the potential establishment of a Graduate College at UD as a priority in the University's comprehensive campaign.
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) for the **approval of a resolution to place four-year planning guides in the online catalog**
- WHEREAS, the University of Delaware used to maintain four year planning guides in the official University of Delaware catalog until it was

cost prohibitive to print the guides within the catalog, and these guides serve the needs of students and advisors. These guides provide the path to graduation in eight semesters for the typical student. They do not take into account additional requirements brought on by other majors or minors, nor do they account for unique situations involving transfer students or changes of majors.

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware exists to cultivate learning, develop knowledge and support students in their academic pursuits, and

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware recognizes that within in those pursuits, it is academically and financially advantageous for students to map out their course sequence in attempts to complete degree requirements within four years, and

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware used to maintain four year planning guides in the official University of Delaware catalog until it was cost prohibitive to print the guides within the catalog, and

WHEREAS, with Blue Hen Success Collaborative initiative, there is a renewed emphasis on improving four year graduation rates and advancing academic advising, and

WHEREAS, all four year planning guides will include disclaimers that the four year plans do not take the place of advising and it is the student's responsibility to meet with his or her assigned advisor at least once a semester to monitor progress and ensure that he or she is on track to graduate on time, and

WHEREAS, the colleges partnered with the Registrar's Office to develop consistent four year planning guides through the new catalog software which pulls the curriculum already approved by Faculty Senate, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the four year planning guides developed through the official University of Delaware 2017-2018 catalog be published within that online catalog for the benefit of undergraduate students and advisors.

3. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Rusty Lee, Chair) with the concurrence of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (Emily Davis, Chair) and the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) for the **approval of a resolution to change the approval process of Multicultural designated courses**

WHEREAS, the Committee of Diversity and Inclusion was tasked with designing new guidelines for multicultural courses, which passed in the Senate in 2016,

WHEREAS, an ad hoc committee composed of three members of the Diversity and Inclusion committee, three faculty with relevant research expertise, and one member of the Undergraduate Studies committee conducted the review of all existing multicultural courses under the new guidelines in 2016-2017,

WHEREAS, research conducted by the Center for the Study of Diversity concluded that multicultural courses necessitate more intensive content review for approval than other general education courses, and would thus pose an undue burden on the Undergraduate Studies committee to review on an ongoing basis, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion be tasked with conducting the ongoing annual review of courses submitted as revised or new multicultural courses, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Diversity and Inclusion committee will designate a subcommittee of two of its members responsible for reviewing multicultural courses each year. The Diversity and Inclusion committee's decisions will then be submitted to the Senate Coordinating Committee for review before final submission to the Registrar's office.

4. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (Emily Davis, Chair) with the concurrence of the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Amy Johnson, Chair) for the **revision to the Charge and Membership to the Faculty Senate Committee on Diversity and Inclusion - Handbook Section 1: Organization of the Faculty – 1.3 Standing Committee of the Faculty and its Senate** ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee has been charged with reviewing and certifying courses for the Multicultural requirement, and

WHEREAS, an additional member on the committee will be beneficial to the committee's additional work load, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Handbook section 1 1.3 Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate - Diversity and Inclusion Committee be revised as in [Attachment 1](#).

5. Recommendation from Senator Zide for **approval of a resolution thanking Provost Grasso for his service**

WHEREAS, Dr. Domenico Grasso has served as Provost of the University of Delaware since 2013, and

WHEREAS, Provost Grasso has worked tirelessly towards his vision for the University, and

WHEREAS, Provost Grasso has continued to engage the Faculty Senate in dialogue within the spirit of shared governance, and

WHEREAS, Provost Grasso has made significant contributions to the University as outlined in the message sent by President Assanis to the campus community, and

WHEREAS, Provost Grasso has decided to step down from his role effective October 15, 2017, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the University of Delaware Faculty Senate offers thanks to Dr. Domenico Grasso for his service as Provost, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the University of Delaware Faculty Senate offers Dr. Grasso its best regards both during his administrative leave and in all his future endeavors.

VII. Presentations:

Report of the Provost's Commission on Tenure Track Faculty
Matthew Kinservik, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

Honors Task Force Update
Paul Laux, Director, University Honors Program

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.)