

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

OCTOBER 2, 2017 – MITCHELL HALL

3:30 PM

September 25, 2017

TO: Senators and Executives

FROM: Mark Parcells, Vice President  
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting October 2, 2017

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held Monday, October 2 at 4:00 p.m. in Mitchell Hall.

Immediately prior to the Faculty Senate meeting, the **General Faculty Meeting** will begin at **3:30 p.m.** The Faculty Senate Executive Committee invites all faculty to an open discussion with President Dennis Assanis. Please make every attempt to attend this General Faculty Meeting.

The Agenda will be as follows:

## AGENDA

- I. **Adoption of the Agenda**
- II. **Approval of the Minutes:** [September 11, 2017](#)
- III. **Remarks:** Provost Domenico Grasso
- IV. **Announcements:** Senate President Martha Buell
- 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.

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 ([attachment](#))

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.

**VII. Presentations:**

**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.)