

**Minutes
Faculty Senate
October 27, 2010**

Present:

Bacdayan, P.	Brodeur, L.	Carreiro, E.	Darst, R. Du, C.	Fan, Q.
Fields, K.	Gibbs, P.	Griffith, J.	Langley, K.	Leclair, S.
Leffers, J.	Li, Y.	Magrass, Y.	O'Rielly, G.	Ordoobadi, S.
Parayitam, S.	Peterson, S.	Roscoe, D.	Scarano, F.	Singh, B.
Tandon, A.	Wang, C.	Wang, S.		

Excused:

Baum, M.	Boerth, D.	Golen, R.	Kim, Y.	Mollo, A.
White, S.				

Absent:

Altabet, M.	Anderson, M.	Bergandy, J.	Berube, B.	Cheng, L.
Curran, C.	Fields, K.	Guo, M.	Hegedus, S.	Holloway, M.
Karakaya, F.	Knauer, L.	McCurry, M.	Mendes, V.	Plaw, A.
Puri, T.	Riley, J.	Scott, S.	Sibdari, S.	Sun, L.
Zuo, Y.				

Guests:

Bentz, H.	Bisagni, J.	Dixon, K.	Fain, J.	Garro, A.
Hogan, W.	Kalbrener, K.	McGuirl-Hadley, J.		Mitchell, W.
Peck, R.	Russell, G.	Sousa, S.	Ward, R.	Winiarz, E.
Zanella-Litke, J.				

- I. After calling the meeting to order, G. O'Rielly introduced Provost Garro for his update.
- There is a new *E*newsletter from the Provost's Office to improve communication.
 - There will be a reception to honor the newly tenured or promoted faculty from both this campus and the Law School campus from 4:00 – 6:00 on November 10th.
 - The Department of Material and Textiles wishes to change its name to Bioengineering. Irwin Jacobs of Qualcom, Inc. will be funding New Bedford High School students who are interested in this major.
 - There are two Professional Science Master's degree programs supported in part by the Sloan Foundation. They are a Marine Science program from SMAST and a Medical Laboratory Science program from that department. These non-thesis programs are for professionals within their chosen fields who wish to acquire both content and management skills.
 - The Charlton College of Business has been re-accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).
 - There is a pilot program in the College of Arts and Science/ College Now/ Pathways to study first year student needs and perceptions as a method to increase retention. While currently we have a retention rate of 73%, our goal is to reach 80%. We have failed to meet our freshmen goal for the past 3 years and that means we have lost revenue. 80% of this loss is in the College of Business. We are currently not the first choice from 30-50% of the students who come here so another concern is to change their opinion and keep them here.

- New programs under discussion include a joint undergraduate/graduate (6 year) law program, a BA/MAT program, and the new concentration on bio-engineering.
 - The research laboratory used by BalRam Singh has been found to be in compliance by the CDC and can resume work on his Department of Defense grant.
 - He requested a moment of silence in memory of the late Dean of the Business College, Richard Ward.
2. J. Griffith moved and F. Scarano seconded a motion to adopt the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.
3. President's report
- If anyone missed the deadline for submitting material for Chancellor MacCormack's evaluation, G. O'Rielly will bring material to the November 15th meeting of the Evaluation Committee which will be held on campus.
4. General Education Task Force – D. Roscoe
- The committee worked on repackaging general education to lessen the perception of gen ed as a sideshow or a series of hoops without real value. The model for this program can be found at James Madison University.
- By placing it as University Studies, it could be used to support the ISLO statements. There would be four clusters of courses:
- 1) Foundation skills for the 21st century,
 - 2) Natural world (science and math),
 - 3) Cultural and the individual (humanities and the arts)
 - 4) Society and the individual (social sciences).
- The learning outcomes would be used as criteria to evaluate proposed courses for inclusion as University Studies courses. There is a possibility for thematic collection of courses. Assessment would occur in a 4-year cycle.
5. University Curriculum Committee – S. Jenkins
- The proposal for a doctorate in Nursing Practice was reviewed last year and any comments or clarifications were satisfied. J. Griffith moved and R. Darst seconded a motion to approve the proposal for the Doctorate in Nursing Practice. Motion carried.
6. Research Effort Certification – L. Petrovic and J. Zanella-Litke reviewed the federal requirement to correlate effort and dollars spent. This does not include private consultation, professional/continuing education. Faculty can certify themselves. One comment was that the current training program is not coherent with the real materials that are needed. This will be changed.
7. The following faculty are members of Dean Evaluation Committees:
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| Dean Adrian Tio | Dean Robert Peck |
| William Nelles | Sonia Peterson |
| Yoon Soo Lee | Xiaoqin Zhang |
| Severin Haines | Qinguo Fan |
| Mark Millstein | Jong-Ping Hsu |
| Douglass Owens | Brian Howes |
8. A. Tandon moved and J. Griffith seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried