

18 November 2010

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting
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Chair Stan Howard called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Senators present: Drs. David Boyles, Jason Hower, Al Boysen, Frank Matejcek, Bill Cross, Marius Ellingsen, Michael Foygel, Travis Kowalski, Chip Tolle, Thomas Fontaine, John Dreyer, and Andy Detwieler as proxy for PV Sundareshwar.

Guests Professor Felderman, Dr. Sangchul Bang, Dr. Toni Logar

Upon friendly agreement, the agenda for today's meeting was approved. With the modification that New Business Items A, B, and D moved before the Report from the Chair.

Upon motion of Bill, seconded by David, the minutes for the 14 October 2010 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

Report from the Chair

- A. University Committee list consolidation
 - a. Process is being considered to streamline the committee structure
- B. Campus Safety Resolution from the Student Senate
 - a. Concern of transients sleeping in the hills behind campus approaching students
- C. Master planning underway
 - a. Report from consultants expected today
- D. New online graduate study application available
- E. Student Senate request to attend Faculty Senate meetings

Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Academic Affairs:

NSF Research Ethics

- a. SDSM&T Responsible Conduct of Research Plan attached
 - Developed without Senate input
- b. IENG 479/579 Syllabus attached
 - Course currently being used to satisfied NSF requirement

Discussion

This course is currently an institutional requirement
Initiated by NSF in response to a US Congressional mandate
Needs to be a solid exercise, not just a mandate to be met, otherwise only box checking

Remaining Questions:

Is this course the best way to satisfy the requirement?
Does IENG 479/579 satisfy all the requirements (NSF and NIH)?
Can this course be cross-listed in all graduate departments?
Will the credits count in the graduate program of study?

David moves to refer 4 remaining questions to the ad-hoc committee for report in January.
Seconded by Travis and approved.

B. Research and Scholarly Affairs:

David moves the committee report to the Senate in December about the returned overhead rates to the department or the PI and any proposed changes being considered. After seconded by Chip, the motion carried.

C. Finance and Personnel:
No Report

D. Student Affairs:

Committee is holding action on advising issues until indications of additional issues or campus interest.

Al moves, that Dr. Hrncir will discuss with the department heads/chairs policy pertaining to the use of WebAdvisor to effectively monitor and uphold registration processes, seconded by David. The motion carried.

E. University Relations:
No Report

F. Senate Bylaws
No Report

Old Business

New Business

1. Approval of December Undergraduate Graduates
(Dr. Sangchul Bang, Chair of University Degree Committee)

Graduate list attached. Submitted for approval contingent upon completion of all degree requirements
Upon motion from Bill, seconded by Michael, the motion to approve the list carried.

2. Approval of December Undergraduate MS and PhD Graduates
(Dr. Toni Logar, VP of Graduate Education)

Graduate list attached. Submitted for approval contingent upon completion of all degree requirements.
Upon motion from Bill, seconded by David, the motion to approve the graduate list carried.

Chip moves that if any additional graduate or undergraduate students become eligible for December graduation, the approval of the revised graduation list can be voted on by email, seconded by David. The motion carried.

Graduate School Application Updates
Online Application submission and review

Out of Department committee member should run the defense meeting
What is the role of the Out of Department member?

3. Final Exam Exception Request
(Professor Barbara Felderman)

Seeking approval from senate as required by the Final Exam Policy for Women's Basketball team members.

Upon motion from Bill, seconded by John, the senate voted to approve the final exam exception for the women's basketball team.

4. Curricular Requests
(Dr. William Cross, University Curriculum Committee Senate Representative)

Motion to approve the committee approved requests was made by Bill. Motion passes. The approved requests can be found at the following link

<http://www.hpcnet.org/curriculum>

5. Common Exam Policy

Informal request that the Academic Affairs committee present the common exam policy at the January meeting of the Senate.

Upon motion by Bill, seconded by Chip, the meeting adjourned at 12:27pm.