
Senators absent: S. Bernhardt, V. Cassman, R. Coulter, A. Fiscella, K. Haas, B. Haslett, A. Hestvik.

The CAS Administrative Assistant was not present.

Agenda

President Fox called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

To keep track of Senator attendance, Senators should mark themselves as present on the checklist by their name cards.

1. Approval of the agenda

   The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of minutes from the November meeting

   Senator Greene noted he was left off the minutes as being present. This was already corrected. The minutes were approved.

3. President's Remarks (Alan Fox)

   President Fox had no announcements.

4. Dean's Comments (George Watson)

   Dean Watson thanked Senators for their service. Dean Watson said our Senate was a privilege. He enjoys working with the Senate. The Board of Trustees Bylaws is our governing document. He stated that the CAS Senate cannot award itself more powers than are awarded by the University Faculty as awarded by the BOT bylaws. He has worked in the Dean’s office for 13 years and he works on what is best for the college.
5. Suggested syllabus language to conform to Title IX policies (Dannagal Young, COMM)

Senator Young gave a presentation on Title IX policies that could be put into a course syllabus. She went through the language sent out to university members in the fall semester. Faculty are not a “confidential resource.” Faculty must report to the Title IX Coordinator. She said that CAS is a special case where student assignments may result in disclosure of sexual misconduct. Our goal as faculty is to protect our students in all cases. We need to remind our students of our role as a mandatory reporter. The language was approved by the Title IX office, which faculty may voluntarily place on syllabi. Email her if one wants this language for their syllabus.

6. Ed Affairs Business

**FLLT - Add New Minor FLL-Game Studies**

Passed unanimously after discussion of required courses raised by Senator Greene.

**FLLT - Revise BA Spanish Education**

Passed unanimously.

**ART - Revise BFA-FA**

Passed unanimously.

**ART - Revise BFA-VC**

Passed unanimously.

**ART - Revise BA-Art**

Passed unanimously.

**BISC - Revise BS BISC-Cell & Molecular Bio & Genetics**

Passed unanimously.

**BISC - Revise BS BISC-Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Passed unanimously.

**BISC - Medical Scholars - Unit Name Change**

Passed unanimously after it was noted that this was not from BISC and was not a BISC item.

**BISC - Revise MS & PhD BISC Grad Program Policy**
Passed unanimously.

**CEEP - Revise BS ENEP**

Passed unanimously.

**Comp Lit - Revise BA Comparative Literature**

Passed unanimously.

**Comp Lit - Revise Minor Comparative Literature**

Passed unanimously.

**ENGL - Revise BA English: Delete all Major Concentrations & Add New Unified Major**

Passed unanimously with one abstention.

**ENGL - Revise Minor English**

Passed unanimously.

**ENGL - Revise BA English Education**

Passed unanimously.

**HIST - Add 4+1 MA-Social Studies in World History**

Passed unanimously after it was pointed out that it needed a resolution and potentially other items that were not included in the application.

**LING+CS - Add BA Linguistics & French**

Passed unanimously.

**MATH - Add New BS Applied Mathematics**

Passed unanimously.

**MATH - Add New BS Honors Applied Mathematics**

Passed unanimously.

**ENGL - Add English Writing Minor**

Passed unanimously.
ENGL - Revise Honors BA English Education
Passed unanimously.

FLLT - Add FLL Certificate Program: Spanish for Health Care
Passed unanimously.

FLLT - Change FLLT Department Name
Judged as passed by President Fox after a lengthy discussion and vote of 15 yes, 7 no, and 8 abstentions. Senator/Secretary Galileo objected because since abstentions were counted, then there were 15 positives out of a total of 30 votes, which is not a required majority. Discussion of this item was initiated by Senator Roe around the use of the word “culture” in the proposed new name and how this might be perceived as this department now being the center of the study of cultures at UD. He suggested the use of the word “civilizations” instead. Senator Duggan also objected to use of the word “cultures.” Faculty from FLLT spoke in favor of the use of the word culture. The chair of Anthropology stated they had very little notice of the proposed name change and discussion ensued around the process of proposing a name change and whether or not it should be analogous to the course challenge process. An amendment was proposed and seconded that the word “their” be added before the word “cultures,” but this was not accepted by FLLT as a “friendly” amendment and then withdrawn. It was also suggested that “cultures” be dropped, but this was not received well.

POSC&IR - Revise BA International Relations
Passed unanimously.

POSC&IR - Revise BA Political Science
Passed unanimously.

POSC&IR - Revise BA Political Science Education
Passed unanimously.

POSC&IR - Revise BA Political Science-French, German or Spanish
Passed unanimously.

7. Old Business

A. Standing College Senate Budget Committee Proposal

Senator Morgan described his distributed handout. CAS has lost 20 full-time faculty since 2011 despite the predictions of former Provost Apple. The Dean could use some help in asserting that
RBB was not working as intended for CAS. Senator Young brought up the level of information needed to be given to this proposed committee and its advisory role. Senator Morrison confirmed its intended advisory and informational roles. The decrease in the number of faculty should be discussed. Dean Watson stated that nobody asked him how he could be helped. He pointed out that what Provost Apple stated was hype. UD had a Dean’s council last week and the Dean does not agree that sharing more information will improve faculty morale. The Dean showed 3 slides (Attached at end of minutes). 1) Student credit hours in CAS trend (ICOR) from 2010-14 dropping from 59.4% to 53.7%. 2) Alg1b (home school) went down from 45% to 41%. 3) Alg1c (sponsored activity) also went down. The trends are all down for CAS. Thus, other colleges are more aggressively recruiting students whom we previously taught. Faculty can help by creating compelling and innovative interdisciplinary programs and minors to attract students and restoring grant funding (loss not due to lack of faculty trying). He stated that in February he will show the budgeting process used working with departments. He wishes to show the Senate information after he shows it to department chairs. He proposed to give him another semester to allow him to provide the information that would be desired by a CAS Budget Committee. Senator Young brought up that their department was asked to consider not allowing breadth courses from other colleges not to count towards their major. Senator Morgan stated that RBB as currently configured only measures quantity and not quality, which arguably is a race to the bottom. The Dean stated we were always under-resourced as a college, and this was not new to RBB. Senator Morrison questioned what the role of the Senate should be. He pointed out that the faculty are what makes UD great and faculty should be more proactive. The resolution to form the CAS Budget Committee is so that the faculty can be proactive and there can be two-way communication, instead of only from the Dean to the chairs and then hopefully to faculty, as it is now. Senator Morrison stated that his unit had received a request from the Dean not to have their students go to other units to fulfill their requirements. The Senate should become more of an integral part of discussing the CAS budget. He asked the Dean whether or not he has asked in the past for advice from the Senate, which was answered no. Faculty are concerned that they should be giving more input. President Fox suggested that we continue this discussion in February. Senator Morgan brought up his concern that other colleges hold “laboratories” in regular classrooms that may fulfill the lab requirements. Secretary Galileo stated he agreed with many of the points brought up by Senator Morrison, and that the Dean should not underestimate how much the faculty appreciate him talking to the Senate about budgetary issues and that this does make faculty feel better at a certain level.

8. Introduction of New Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Minutes were prepared by D. Galileo, CAS Senate Secretary.
Alg1b Home School - CAS Fall Trending

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Alg 1c - Sponsored Activity* - CAS Fiscal Year Trending

*Sponsored Activity is weighted 3-1-1 fro Research, Instruction, and Public Service

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