Minutes of CAS Faculty Senate Meeting, November 12, 2018


Also Present: J. Angelini

President-Elect B. McKenna chaired the meeting in the absence of D. Smith
J. Morgan served as acting secretary in the absence of J. Gizis.

I. The meeting was called to order at 4pm
II. The agenda was approved.
III. The October 2018 CAS Faculty Senate Minutes were approved
IV. Remarks from President-Elect B. McKenna

The dean will speak at the December meeting on advising.

Today is the national commemoration of Veteran’s Day.

V. Remarks from Interim Dean J. Pelesko

J. Pelesko has visited with faculty of nearly all departments, and will soon be meeting with the remaining departments.

The dean noted that the university is still on track for a new budget model to be presented in December 2018.

The dean noted that faculty should pay attention to the graduate college issue, which will be discussed in the university faculty senate.

The dean noted that all department chairs, at the request of the Provost, should have made a map of what the department looks like right now. This is a one-page snapshot of the research profile of the department. Departments should next expect a request for a map projecting forward, answering the question “what do you want your department to look like three or five years from now?” If faculty are not aware of this effort, they should talk to their department chair.

Faculty hiring requests have been submitted by the department chairs. February 18 is the target date for the college to present its requests to the university administration. The dean presented some university-wide projections on the rate of hiring necessary to maintain or grow the size of the faculty.
In Q&A, there was a discussion of the status of the proposed graduate college. It was expected that there should be one or more open houses, and then resolutions on the organizational structure and draft bylaws would be considered at the December 3, 2018 University Faculty Senate meeting. [Note: In the event, the revised bylaws were not distributed, there were no open hearings, and at the December 3 meeting the University Faculty Senate approved a motion to extend the timeline to February 2019.]

VI. Educational Affair Committee (J. Angelini)

A. The consent agenda was approved. (See the list of 23 items at the end of these minutes)

B. An omnibus package of 14 deactivations of similar history/foreign language majors was considered. There was a brief discussion. These are old programs between the two departments which have no students and have been effectively superseded by other options. The 14 deactivations were approved in a single motion.

C. A new Strategic Communication (MA) graduate program was discussed. It was approved.

D. D. Galileo asked about the status of a proposal from his department. It seems having just 4 out of 5 required department letters can cause a proposal to be kicked out of the Curriculog system before getting to the committee, potentially causing the submission deadline to be missed. Also, lacking a motion caused the proposal to be kicked back, even though motions are unnecessary for minor revisions. There was a brief discussion of the issue in general, but letters are required.

VII. COCAN Committee Report (J. Morgan)

J. Morgan reported that he had useful discussions with Dean Pelesko on getting recognition for committee work and the difficulty of staffing some committees. J. Morgan will begin the process of staffing the committees earlier so that the information is available for annual workload planning with department chairs in February. The only wrinkle is that some positions are elected later in the spring semester. The Senate gave J. Pelesko a hand (applause) for his positive attitude on this issue.

VIII. The Senate adjourned.

Consent Agenda

1. Applied Mathematics (BS) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
2. Communication (PhD) 2019-2020 Graduate Program Revision
3. Criminology (MA) 2019-2020 Graduate Program Revision
4. English (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
5. History courses on World History 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
6. Jewish Studies Minor 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
7. Jewish Studies Minor with Language 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
8. Mathematics (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
9. Mathematics (BS) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
10. Philosophy Honors (HBA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
11. Sociology (MA) 2019-2020 Graduate Program Revision
12. History courses before 1700 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
13. History courses on the history of Asia, Africa, Latin America, or Middle East 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
14. History courses on the history of Europe 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
15. History courses on the history of the United States 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
16. History seminars at the 400-level 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
17. Sociology (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
18. Sociology - Emergency & Environmental Management Concentration (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
19. Sociology - Health and Health Services Concentration (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
20. Sociology - Law and Society Concentration (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
21. Sociology - Social Welfare Concentration (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
22. Sociology Education (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision
23. Sociology Minor 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Revision

Proposals for Omnibus Consideration

1. History/Foreign Language - Chinese Studies (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Deactivation
2. History/Foreign Language - Chinese Studies Honors (HBA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Deactivation
3. History/Foreign Language - Classics (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Deactivation
4. History/Foreign Language - Classics Honors (HBA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Deactivation
5. History/Foreign Language - French Studies (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Deactivation
6. History/Foreign Language - French Studies Honors (HBA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Deactivation
7. History/Foreign Language - German Studies (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Deactivation
8. History/Foreign Language - German Studies Honors (HBA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Deactivation
9. History/Foreign Language - Japanese Studies (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Deactivation
11. History/Foreign Language - Russian Studies (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Deactivation
12. History/Foreign Language - Russian Studies Honors (HBA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Deactivation
13. History/Foreign Language - Spanish Studies (BA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Deactivation
14. History/Foreign Language - Spanish Studies Honors (HBA) 2019-2020 Undergraduate Program Deactivation