

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: February 19 2015

PRESENT: Tom Dell Patricia VettelBecker  
A.J. Otjen Cindy Dell  
Francisco Saldivar Susan Gilbertz  
James Barron Andrew Sullivan  
Debra Johnson Paul Pope  
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Barbara Wheeling(ex-officio) Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)  
Rita Kratky (ex-officio) Mark Pagano (ex-officio)  
Matt Redinger(ex-officio)

ABSENT: Kelly Shumway Diane Duin(ex-officio)\*  
Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)

## I. PROVOST REPORT

Provost Pagano noted that we have two certificates associated with the SWAMMEI grant going to the BOR at the meeting in two weeks.

An issue was raised with Dr. Pagano's use of the word "vetted" in ~~his~~ the reorganization of the College of Arts and Sciences departments. Some Senators noted that "vetted" implies that the Senate, and other groups, discussed or examined the reorganization, when in fact the Senate was only informed. ~~Dr. Pagano stressed~~ that the Senate and other groups were asked for input on the process, and no decisions have yet been made. The primary reason for the reorganization was to reduce the CAS budget without cutting faculty. It was noted that during the early University ~~Board~~ Committee discussions, the idea was raised to find more efficient ways to operate, but no specific plans about any college were discussed.

## II. CURRICULUM ITEMS – CONSENT

The Senate is trying a new method ~~to~~ save time and reduce faculty attendance requirements for curriculum proposals. ~~Senators~~ ex-officio Senate members or guests may ask that an item be pulled from the consent agenda and moved to the action agenda.

The question was raised as to whether it is the purview of the Senate to ~~discuss~~ if a department is adequately staffed or not. It was noted that, in the past, Senate approval has been used as leverage to create a faculty line to teach approved courses.

Item 7 ARTH 455 Art and the Environment. Add ENST 210 to prerequisites.

Item 7.d HSTA 464 Trans~~Mississippi~~ West. HSTR 336 Modern Latin America. Add ENST 210 to prerequisites.

Item 7.e NASX 304 Native American Beliefs and Philosophy. NASX 340 Native American Literature. Add ENST 210 to prerequisites.

Item 7.f SOCI 355 Social Demography and Population Studies. SOCI 380 Sociology of Health and Medicine. SOCI 461 Urban Society and Human Ecology. Add ENST 210 to prerequisites.

Item 37 BS Major in Biology. Modification to an existing program.

Item 37.a BS Major in Biology Environmental Sciences Option. Modification to an existing program.

Item 37.c BS Major in Broadfield Science. Modification to an existing program.

Item 37.e AS Program of Study in Environmental Science. Modification to an existing (di)-2B0( di)

Item 43 GPHY 331 P







⇒ Motion by A.J. Otjen, seconded by Paul Pope to approve Items 61 and 61.a on first reading.

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Tom Dell, seconded by Susan Gilbertz to ~~waive~~ waive second reading of Items 61 and 61.a.

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 66 is currently tabled.

Item 66 ACT 151 Beginning Billiards. New course.

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Francisco Saldivar to ~~take~~ take from the table Item 66.

⇒ Motion by Francisco Saldivar, seconded by Jim Barron to approve Item 66 on first reading.

Matt McMullen, listed instructor of the course and faculty member in Psychology, stated that when he put this proposal together a few months ago, the budget picture was very different. He is not sure he will be able to teach this course now, as the Psychology Department lost a faculty line. It was noted that ~~part~~ part faculty can also teach this course, and it is very popular at other universities.

⇒ Motion carried: 9 for and 4 opposed.

⇒ Motion by Cindy Dell, seconded by Paul Pope to waive second reading of Item 66.

⇒ Motion carried with 1 opposed.

Item 68 is currently tabled.

Item 68 CHTH 262 Community Health. Delete course.

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Susan Gilbertz to take up from the table Item 68.

⇒ Motion by Susan Gilbertz, seconded by Paul Pope to approve Item 68 on first reading.

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Cindy Dell, seconded by Susan Gilbertz to waive reading of Item 68.

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 71.a PHL 324 Nature, Culture, and Philosophy. New course.  
Item 71.b Minor in Philosophy. Modification to an existing program.



⇒ Motion by Tom Dell, seconded by Francisco Saldivar to waive second reading of Item 75.

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 78.b EDEC 130 Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood. New course (offered only online).

Item 78.c EDEC 352 Math and Science in Early Childhood. New course (offered only online).

Item 78.d EDEC385 Integrated Curriculum in Early Childhood Education. New course.

Item 78.e EDEC 495 Early Childhood Student Teaching. New course.

Item 78.f AA in Education. Modification to an existing program.

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IV. DISCUSSION WITH PROVOST Continued

Dr. Pagano noted that with both the APC process and the budgeting process, faculty have