

**Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2017
UC 213**

Senators/Reps in attendance:

Johnny Snyder, James Ayers, Dan Schultz-Ela, Josh Butler, Lisa Friel-Redifer, Kristen Hague, Kris Dietrich (proxy for Megan Glynn Zollinger), Chad Middleton, Elizabeth Sharp, Sarah Swedberg, Karen Urban, Thomas Walla, Kathy Young, Aparna Palmer, Anne Bledsoe, Cody Armstrong

Senators/Reps absent:

Darin Kamstra (sabbatical)

Guests in attendance:

Cynthia Pemberton, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Louis Nadelson, Director of Sponsored Programs and Academic Research; Margot Beckett, Chair – Academic Policies Committee; Scott Kessler, Chair – Undergraduate Curriculum Committee; Chris Belcher, Grants/IRB specialist – Sponsored Programs and Academic Research; Ben Linzey, President – Associated Student Government; Jeff Vela, Senator, Health & Sciences – Associated Student Government; Holly Teal, Registrar; Suzanne Lay, Chair – Assessment Committee; Don Carpenter, Chair – Graduate Curriculum Committee

Minutes Recorder: Melinda J. Scott

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL BY SIGN-IN

The meeting was called to order by President Johnny Snyder at 3:30pm.

President Snyder welcomed guests and reminded senators and guests to sign the circulating Roll Call sheet. Snyder also noted a late item added to the consent agenda.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Graduate Curriculum Committee minutes (4/12/17)

B. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee minutes (4/13/17)

C. Distinguished Faculty Award Committee minutes (2/14/17)

Motion: to receive the items on the consent agenda.

(Swedberg/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

III. APPROVE FACULTY SENATE MINUTES of 4/6/17 MEETING

Motion: to approve the Faculty Senate minutes of April 6, 2017, with the noted amendment below.

(Butler/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

Amendment of Item VI.C.: The motion to approve the Faculty Qualifications Interpretive Guidance was carried by a majority vote, with one abstention, and not unanimously as originally reported.

IV. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS TO APPROVE

A. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes (3/9/17)

Discussion: UCC Chair Scott Kessler was present for discussion regarding the meeting minutes. Kessler apprised senators of upcoming program approvals needed and survey review—some “fast track” items for the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Motion: to approve the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee minutes of March 9, 2017.

(Sharp/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

B. Assessment Committee Minutes (12/6/16)

Discussion: Suzanne Lay, chair of the Assessment Committee was present to take questions from the senators. The progress of e-Portfolio was mentioned. Chair Lay noted that program reviews are not open to the public; they are on the R: drive for the Assessment Committee's access only.

Motion: to approve the Assessment Committee minutes of December 6, 2017. (Middleton/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

C. Assessment Committee Minutes (2/7/17)

Discussion: Faculty Senate recommended a discontinuation of the ETS Proficiency Profile Test at the April 6, 2017 meeting. The AC Chair let the senators know that programs look good and plans are on track.

Motion: to approve the Assessment Committee minutes of February 7, 2017. (Middleton/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

D. Academic Policies Committee Minutes (1/31/17)

Discussion: Chair Margot Beckett was present for any discussion regarding the committee minutes.

Motion: to approve the Academic Policies Committee minutes of January 31, 2017. (Swedberg/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

E. Academic Policies Committee Minutes (2/21/17)

Discussion: The sit-out length of the committee's academic renewal policy was discussed.

Motion: to approve the Academic Policies Committee minutes of February 21, 2017. (Swedberg/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Office of Sponsored Programs and Academic Research, Louis Nadelson

Director Nadelson addressed the teacher/scholar model on campus and how it associates with research. One of the office's goals is to simplify the IRB (Institutional Review Board) process by updating forms to allow for edits, spell-checking and electronic submission. The office is also conducting a grant-writing workshop for faculty the first week of June. Faculty should come with a specific research idea and a couple of funding sources in mind. In the fall, "SPAR" will be hosting some research scholar groups (8 members optimally) with the aim of working from "idea to publication." Grant submission forms are undergoing an update and faculty are encouraged to contact the office for assistance with design before submitting. Analysis of data from a survey released before spring break on faculty interest will begin next week. SPAR is looking to take over more responsibility (from Dr. Pemberton and the Office of Academic Affairs) for the Student Showcase. A faculty showcase is also under development as well as a "research day."

Chris Belcher, SPAR's grant and compliance specialist, introduced himself.

SPAR offers free training for the IRB process for faculty, students and others—a four-hour procedure. President Snyder will get more information about the training and disperse to faculty via email.

Nadelson emphasized that the concept of research is broad and encompasses scholarly fields such as the arts and other creative endeavors. His office welcomes any ideas or questions from faculty members.

- B.** Changes to the Faculty Senate Standing Committees Policies and Procedures Handbook, Johnny Snyder

[Hand-out provided electronically: “Handbook_Changes_Spring_2017”]

President Snyder reviewed the most recent handbook changes with the senators, requesting an “all-inclusive” vote on all seven items presented.

Motion: to accept proposed changes to the handbook.

(Ayers/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Academic Policies recommendation on Academic Renewal, Margot Beckett

Chair Beckett reviewed the recommendations the Academic Policies Committee regarding academic renewal and specifically the reduction of sit-out time from five years to a no sit-out period. Holly Teal, Registrar, was able to provide data on the number of students affected by the policy (attending Fall 2015 to Spring 2016) that continued through to Fall 2016. Each senator provided feedback they received from their respective departments.

Motion: to bring the consideration of the “Academic Affairs Policy: Academic Renewal” off the table.

(Sharp/seconded); motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Senator Palmer reminded senators of the numerous opportunities in the U.S. available for someone to get a degree and the leniency of the current policy is unnecessary. ASG Representative Armstrong mentioned that the ASG does not like the 2.0 GPA standard, and that the policy seems to reward students who do not put forth any concerted effort, compared to students who work hard for even a 2.1 GPA. VPAA Pemberton commented that while she is not a fan of an academic renewal policy, it is increasingly the norm in Higher Education. Schultz-Ela reminds attendees that this policy only benefits students who change majors. Middleton points out that those students who return without a sit-out period traditionally incur more debt, and should they fail or drop out and default on any loans, those unpaid loans become a burden on the taxpayer.

Motion: to accept the Academic Renewal policy as presented to Faculty Senate by the Academic Policies committee.

(Middleton/seconded); motion failed [3 ayes; 8 nays; 1 abstention]

VII. REPORTS

- A.** CFAC and VP report, James Ayers

Vice President Ayers has solicited departments regarding new committee members and has only received limited responses. The deadline is a week from today.

- B.** Student Government Report, Cody Armstrong

[Hand-out: “Colorado Mesa University Smoking Policy”]

Representative Armstrong introduced President Linzey and ASG Senator Vela who reported on the smoke-free campus survey they conducted. They provided a plan for implementation and enforcement.

Other ASG topics covered include academic renewal, no new bills, elections, and 7 or 8 returning senators plus new senators to constitute a great student government.

- C.** Executive Committee Report, Dan Schultz-Ela

The committee meeting conducted last Friday included a discussion on academic renewal and the course catalog going digital in the near future.

D. Faculty Trustee Report, Aparna D.-N. Palmer

[Hand-out: “Faculty Trustee Report: Conference Call Meetings 2017–Draft ”]

Faculty Trustee Palmer reviewed her report of the February 28th, March 30th, and April 6th conference call meetings of the Board of Trustees with the senators.

E. President’s Report, Johnny Snyder

Welcome Kathy Young, the latest Faculty Senate addition representing WCCC!

Snyder will issue a president’s report via email.

F. Update from Academic Affairs, Cynthia Pemberton

VPAA Pemberton informed the senators of the status of the development of the following revenue-producing programs to be housed in the Kinesiology Department: PA, PT and OT.

Motion: to extend the meeting for another 10 minutes.

(Butler/seconded); motion passed by majority [1 abstention]

The legislature has been approached for an additional 1% tuition increase beyond the normal increase. She reviewed the program(s) proposal process with senators. The accrediting agency invited CMU to submit an accreditation request for the PA program for early consideration. Tuition will be set at a higher graduate-level rate.

Motion: to extend the meeting for 5 more minutes.

(Butler/seconded); motion passed unanimously

The catalog will not be printed for the next academic year. Software is being purchased that integrates with Banner, produces an electronic version of the course catalog, generates curriculum interface approval software and will also be utilized for scheduling. The curriculum process will need to change in the future. A curriculum committee member and someone from Faculty Senate will be needed to serve on the implementation working group. October 1st is the launch date for the catalog software. The curriculum changes will probably begin spring of 2018.

Pemberton summarized how changes are made to the Professional Personnel Employee Handbook.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting of April 6, 2017 (Schultz-Ela).

Meeting adjourned at 5:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda J. Scott, Minutes Recorder