

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
April 14, 2015

- I. Chair Flannagan called the meeting to order at 3:44 PM**
Senators Present: Buck, Burke, Camper, Carpenter, Dittman, Doucet, Engelhardt, Fries, Fry, Gittings, Gourley, Gunther, Hopla, Johnston, Kiely, Lundberg, Meetze, Muller, Myers, Nagata, Newman, Ramey, Reynolds, Varazo, Whitmire, Zaice
Also Present: Flannagan (chair), Kennedy (parliamentarian)
Senators Absent: Flowers, Lasher, Sargent
- II. The minutes from the March 10, 2015 meeting were approved as posted.**
- III. Elections**
Vice-Chair of the Faculty: Glen Gourley was elected by acclamation
Secretary of the Faculty: Larry Engelhardt was elected by acclamation
- IV. Reports from standing committees**
Reports from the chairs of the following committees were presented: Academic Freedom and Tenure Grievance, Faculty Life, FMU Honors, Gender Studies, Grade Appeals, Information Technology, Institutional Effectiveness, International Studies, Mediation, Professional Development, REAL. Written reports are included in the Attachment.
- V. Report from Executive Committee.**
Chair Flannagan announced and held discussion concerning the following items/issues: The two honorary degree recipients at spring commencement will be Phillip Lowe and Molly Spearman (who will also give the commencement address). Three new committees are being appointed by the president that will conduct business during 2015-2016: a committee to explore the viability of summer school (will include faculty representatives from the Faculty Life and AAC Committees); a committee to study student retention (will include faculty representatives from the Admissions, Advising, and Retention Committee and the Institutional Effectiveness Committee); and a committee to work on revising FMU's Title IX implementation.
- VI. Report from the Graduate Council – *All items passed without opposition.***
1. Office of the Provost
Item A. Adds text concerning the eligibility to continue as a graduate student.

VII. Old Business – None

VIII. New Business – None

IX. Announcements – A variety of upcoming events were announced

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM.

Attachment to the Senate Minutes – April 14, 2015

IV. Reports from standing committees

Academic Freedom & Tenure Grievance Committee Report (Chair, Derek Jokisch)

The Academic Freedom and Tenure Grievance Committee has not met during the 2014-2015 academic year since it has not had any business to conduct nor received any complaints from faculty members.

Faculty Life Committee Report (Chair, Polly Haselden)

The Faculty Life Committee selected recipients for the 2014-2015 faculty awards, but has no other business to report.

FMU Honors Committee Report (Chair, Jon Tuttle)

The re-imagined Honors model, FMU Honors, having been approved by the general faculty in the fall, 2013, has been in operation now for a full academic year (since fall, 2014). During that year:

- Under the new application (versus eligibility) model, membership was approximately 180 students (versus about 750 previously). Of those, about 70 are currently freshmen. These numbers are consistent with target numbers (180 and 80) envisioned during the reorganization.
- In the fall, 2014, four UL 100/Honors courses were offered; each enrolled at or near capacity. Also in the fall, six new Special Topics (250-299) courses were offered, as were two new symposia (Science and Humanities) and three “traditional” gen ed courses.
- In the spring, 2015, six Special Topics courses were offered, as were two Symposia (Business Leadership and Science) and four traditional general education courses.
- As always, Honors 491/Independent Study and Honors 391/Independent Study Workshops were offered each semester.
- Twenty-six students were discharged from the Honors program in December, 14, having been previously placed on Honors probation for not maintaining a 3.25 gpa. Those students are eligible to apply.
- The Honors Student Association was eliminated as there is no longer a subset of “active” Honors students. Honors students participated in such activities as a reception at Wallace House, Play & Pizza nights, Play & Movie Nights, a bus trip to Philadelphia, volunteering at the Jayne Boswell Animal Shelter, a Christmas party

and year-end cookout at the Director's house. In addition, four "Honors Ambassadors Abroad" visited Spain during spring break, 2014.

- Three students graduated "With University Honors" in fall 2014; eight are scheduled to graduate WUH in spring, 2015.
- Lucas Murley was named winner of the Honors Student Association Award; Elizabeth Legendre will receive the Duane Myers Honors Award.

Gender Studies Committee Report (Chair, Pamela Rooks)

- Two successful proposals for catalog revision; one to create and cross-list a new course (ENG 250G: Introduction to Literature with a focus on gender; that course will be taught for the first time in Fall 2015 by Dr. Catherine England), the other to cross-list an existing course (HIST 346, Civil War in America). A third proposal, to cross-list HIST 324, History of Traditional East Asia, is before AAC.
- Two co-sponsored campus events in Fall 2014, followed by reception refreshments paid for by GS:
 1. Screening of "The Seven Sisters" episode from *Cosmos*, in connection with Ada Lovelace Day, Oct. 15, 2014.
 2. Screenings of *Dallas Buyers Club*, with the English Department Film Series, Oct. 21, 2014.
- Two members of the Gender Studies Committee (Charlene Wages, who serves as President of SCWHE [South Carolina Women in Higher Education], and Pamela Rooks, who serves as FMU's Institutional Representative), attended the SCWHE Fall Workshop in Columbia, Oct. 17, 2014.
- Rooks and Wages attended the SCWHE Conference in Clemson, Feb. 26 - 27, 2015. GS funded four other FM faculty members who also attended that conference (Ann Stoeckmann, Ginger Bryngelson, Lorna Cintron-Gonzales, Manya Chappell).
- Coordinator of Gender Studies serves as Chair of the G-Week (Gender Awareness) Committee. G-Week was Mar. 9 – 13, 2015. The G-Week Committee, with support from the Provost, the Honors Program, the English Department Film Series, and the Pee Dee Coalition, put on a number of events and activities throughout the week: The Clothesline Project; It's On Us; I Need Feminism Because . . . ; *The Foreplays*; screenings of Spike Jonze's *Her*; a Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon; *Can We Come to the Table?*, a one-man performance by NYC-based actor/educator Alan L. Bounville, who also conducted two workshops with three classes.
- Two members of the Gender Studies Committee (Rooks and Jo Angela Edwins) attended a day-long Title IX Workshop on campus, March 18, 2015.
- Coordinator of Gender Studies organizes and teaches Gender Studies 200 in Spring 2015 (21 students enrolled).
- Gender Studies offered 2 cross-listed courses in Summer 2014, 6 cross-listed courses in Fall 2014, and 9 cross-listed courses in Spring 2015.
- The entire Gender Studies Committee budget (\$4000) has been spent (travel and registration for 5 faculty at the SCWHE conference in April was expensive).
- Ditto the entire G-Week budget (\$2500).

Grade Appeals Committee Report (Chair, Lori Turner)

The Grade Appeals Committee considered and ruled on 4 grade appeals for 2014-2015.

Information Technology Committee Report (Chair, Matt Turner)

The IT Committee solicited proposals which were considered in March 2015. The committee received 14 proposals, funded 12 proposals fully, and funded 1 proposal partially for a total of \$100,000. The Committee has just received budget numbers for these proposals which will be provided to the appropriate faculty members shortly.

Institutional Effectiveness Committee Report (Chair, Marie DeVincenzo)

The Institutional Effectiveness Committee has nothing to report.

International Studies Committee Report (Chair, Mark Blackwell)

The committee funded the following international programs grant awards:

Student International Exchange Grants:

The International Programs committee awarded thirteen (13) students return airfare totaling \$19,110.10 to study abroad with our exchange partners. The funds were the result of REAL Grant awards.

This year's student exchange included the following partner universities:

- Université de Caen Basse-Normandie (France)
- De Montfort University (United Kingdom)
- École Supérieure de Commerce et Management (France)
- Universität Koblenz-Landau (Germany)
- Maynooth University (Ireland)
- Fachhochschule Schmalkalden (Germany)

Faculty International Collaboration Grants:

The International Programs committee awarded four (4) faculty members \$2500.00 grants totaling \$10,000 for research or teaching with our exchange partners. This year's faculty exchange collaborations included the following partner universities:

- Universität Koblenz-Landau (Germany)
- Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador (Ecuador)

Mediation Committee Report (Chair, Marsha Taylor)

The Mediation Committee has had no cases during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Professional Development Committee Report (Chair, Rick Almeida)

Numbers reflect the March 31, 2015 – Budget summary provided to the Committee Chair by the Office of Accounting.

Original Budget for 2014 – 2015 fiscal year: \$342,151

As of 31 March 2015, the committee has recommended approval for 254 research and travel proposals totaling \$299,279.30. The committee has also pre-approved funding for 6 proposals for AY 2015-16.

The committee also reviews and makes recommendations to the Provost regarding summer research stipends, sabbatical leave, and reassigned time. This year, the committee recommended 12 individuals for summer research stipends and 6 individuals for sabbatical leave. We anticipate that public announcement regarding these recipients will be made by Dr. Chapman at the appropriate time.

REAL Committee Report (Chair, Nick Newman)**September, 2014:**

The REAL Program website has been updated and all forms have moved to online submission.

Spring 2015-June 30th, 2015:

The REAL Program received 48 grants with total requests of \$162,974. The UAC recommended and the Provost approved 42 grants for a total of \$100,000 for an estimated 470 students.

Academic Year 2015-2016:

The REAL Program received 49 grants with requests of \$193,941. The UAC recommended approval of 47 grants for a total of \$164,996 for an estimated 520 students.

VI. Graduate Council

1. Proposal from the Office of the Provost:

A. **Change** on page 199 of the Catalog

FROM:

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