



**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2021
Zoom Virtual Senate Chambers**

Call to Order

Monika Bubacz

Monika Bubacz called the meeting to order at 2:00PM.

Approval of meeting minutes from March 5, 2021

Monika Bubacz

There was a motion to approve the minutes from March 5, 2021. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Senate voted and unanimously approved minutes from March.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Recommendations

Breeanne Swart

Math is proposing three new courses. Next is a proposal for a document that lists how each major is planning to incorporate LDRS 202 into the curriculum. Business revised Principles of Marketing to add ECON to all five as a prerequisite option as one of the newer ECON courses and updated the title. Business also wants to restrict the double dipping for their majors so that only two courses can count as electives, which keeps the majors different and keeps the amount of work equitable among the double majoring options. They have taken out LDRS 371 as an elective for the Business Administration minor and added FINC 403 to the list of electives. There is a request to update the Protection of Minors language in the catalog so that it is not tied to a particular company and so that it applies to all populations. BS Secondary Education is looking to add Biology and Chemistry concentrations. NURS 405 is changing prerequisites and adding NURS 408. The Strands Catalog Language proposal includes language about the strands and course descriptions in the catalog. Spanish 426 combines two current courses and related topics, and SPAN 303 also combines two courses.

Motion to approve all Undergraduate Curriculum Committee recommendations as one package approved and seconded.

No discussion.

Senate voted: Passed, motion carried.

Course Banking Policy

Dena Gardner

This Policy has been approved. The only addition we made was that we added the education component, which has been approved by the Deans.

Update from the Provost

Sally Selden

Today is Student Excellence Day and it was an awesome success. ROTC awards were given out yesterday. The Gold Star presentation was impressive. I encourage everyone to pick up a copy of the Gold Star Journal. I met with the Army Cyber Command Leadership Group from Fort Gordon. We are working on some partnerships with them. The team gave a presentation to our Board of Visitors. We plan to launch The Citadel in DC Program in the Fall. In mid to late May we will be launching an Emerging Leaders Institute. It is designed for faculty who have an interest in being a department head or chairing a committee. It will be a cohort-based program and last through the academic year. It will have an experiential component providing some

leadership opportunities for faculty that have an interest in academic leadership long term. I have met with Dr. Jaye Goosby Smith to discuss her position and what she has been doing in that role. We talked about the Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Center. Tessa Updike will be directing that Center on campus. I have met with Shawn Edwards who is our Chief Diversity Officer and talked about expanding her role enterprise wide. I have yet to meet with Robert Pickering but these three positions encompass our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership team. Shawn Edwards' role may expand and she may be sitting on the President's cabinet. Our COVID-19 Task Force continues to meet. As of right now, CDC Guidelines have not changed, but we are hoping to return to more normal operations. We have a large percentage of faculty and staff that have been vaccinated and a number of cadets have also been vaccinated. I am planning on having a Faculty Town Hall meeting before the end of the semester to discuss what Fall might look like. We are advocating strongly that everyone on campus be vaccinated.

Summer School update from Dr. Brennan-

We had about the same Summer School pool that we had last year. Enrollment will be flat. Our Corps is about 100 students smaller. COVID-19 pushed attrition higher than in the last few years, but we do have more graduate students. Advising is going on and it is important to reiterate that the Corps is required to pay their bill on time and register for Fall during this window in April so that they don't get put on the Barracks waitlist. For Summer School, we will be following all normal protocols that we have followed since last Fall. We will be supported by Captain Jeff Lamberson and his team with the cleaning protocols. As the Summer School representative for the Provost, I will be partnering for all students, regardless of what kind they are with our COVID-19 tracking. Aside from this, I am also helping with CSI, along with Chris Fudge and Melinda Norris. We are expecting about 350 students this year and it runs from July 12-August 3. Our goal is to not turn anyone away. We are down a bit in applications for Fall. We started about 15% down but we have been sitting at about 4% since December. Our Admit rate is up and we have a very strong GPA. In regards to diversity of this incoming class, we are at about 30% deposits from students of color and 15-18% from women. We have not changed our Admission Standards.

Title IX Update from Valerie Mercado-

This past year the Title IX Final Rule was adopted on August 14. There are some elements that greatly impact faculty and staff and how you may support and serve the students involved in these cases. PowerPoint slides of all changes were screen shared.

Dr. Selden left the meeting after introducing Captain Lamberson.

Capers Update from Captain Jeff Lamberson-

With the new Capers building going up, we will lose 121 parking spaces. We will see the most changes in the months of May, June and July. Right after graduation, everyone will start moving out of Capers. Thompson Turner will be our contractor. Fences will be going up in June around the site and in July the demolition will begin. PowerPoint of road closures, new parking area options, and construction plans screen shared.

Tobacco Policy Update

Joelle Neulander

The Tobacco Policy Committee had a meeting on Tuesday. The majority of the committee did not want to change the policy from what it is now, but the policy is going to change. In the Fall, we are no longer going to be a Tobacco Free Campus. Cadets over 21 and over will be allowed

to use smokeless tobacco products (dip, snuff) in their rooms. There will be a committee report so we will get more information. Several senators expressed concerns about health implications of cleaning up after tobacco juice; the issue of changing a rule because someone cannot change their habits; concerns about transparency; possible public media reactions; and the usefulness of a minority opinion report from the committee in question. Please email Dr. Monika Bubacz or Dr. Joelle Neulander if you want to discuss this further.

Senate Announcements

Senators

Some student groups, possibly minorities, are showing preference for Zoom versus in class attendance. We have reached out to our Provost. We are trying to collect information, so please let us know if you have records of a specific student showing on Zoom instead of in class. We also want to get an update on the cadet that was part of the riots at the Capitol to know if there were any charges. We are working on finding answers about these issues.

Standing Committees

Elizabeth Connor

A message was sent to all Department Heads and Deans. They will be talking with their faculty to see who wants to roll off a committee or who wants to serve in the future.

Future Business

Monika Bubacz

Our last meeting will be on Friday, April 30 from 11:15-12:15PM. Elizabeth Connor and Dr. Amanda Mushal have agreed to serve for one more year, but if anyone else is interested in serving as the Secretary or Vice Chair, please let Dr. Monika Bubacz know.

Adjournment

Monika Bubacz

No other business to discuss.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:16PM. The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for 11:15am on Friday, April 30, 2021.