

Meeting Minutes Dec. 13, 2016

Tyrrell calls meeting to order 4:32pm

1. Approval of Senate minutes for November 15, 2016. No corrections of objections.
1. Periodic Review Report, prepared for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (First Reading): McDonald presents. 1st posted as draft Sept. 30th with staff and faculty feedback, Sonia Gonsalves still taking comments for January faculty senate meeting. Will go to Board of Trustee at their February meeting and submit to Middle States in June. Working copy already take into account comments but not posted to website, can share it with those who wish to see it. Discussion groups likely not happen unless senators feel it necessary.
2. Disability Studies Minor Proposal (First Reading) [second in agenda]: presented by Lydia Fecteau and Priti Haria. New interdisciplinary field examines meaning, nature, social construct and consequences. Not focus on rehabilitation but on society perception. Most courses not focus on deficit/medical model. Similar to Africana and Women studies works. Focus on students developing sense of social justice and advocacy skills. Many courses already offered just putting them together for the minor. Service learning projects as related to majors such as Social Work. Building in a method of tracking the minors to assess it including exit surveys. U of Toronto, Berkley, Georgetown, etc. have degrees & certificates in the field but none in NJ. Stockton student interest already strong based on enrollments in disability focused classes, 90+% and previous surveys, 50+%. G course proposals for last two years have 1-3 classes centered on disability showing strong faculty interest as well. Questions & Comments: program resources call for the committee to remain active until a coordinator can be found, union looking into contractual validity of situation. Faculty are willing to take up coordinator position if only block to passing the minor. Will be housed in GENS. To what extent are invisible disabilities a part of minor; it is a major focus in the introductory courses. History extend invitation to work with the minor for guest speakers.
3. MA Program in Counseling Psychology: Sarah Martino presenting. Not new, been other ones over last 20-25 yrs. Recent changes to laws can't practice with just a BA so students must go to other institutions for licensing/degree to abide by new laws. Noted opportunities for employment in the area plus desire of students for degree; 84% want immediate enrollment in graduate program with 64% at Stockton. Program designed so they are license eligible upon graduation. Meeting with Social Work faculty to collaborate between the programs. Will be a career counseling track as well which is a unique feature. Could add couples counseling with MFT certificate and also substance abuse certification once program more established. Questions & Comments: Timeline for up and running not determined yet but hope for next two years. Should include assessment of potential supervisors for internships/placements since can be competition with Rutgers, Capella, and other NJ schools. Psych placements more flexible than social work placements in terms of legal responsibility of the degree program. Will look into how things align with CIP codes. Need to revisit curriculum map as it overlaps with

MSW courses. Accreditation asks for 5 dedicated faculty but not necessarily new lines. Students indicated they desire hybrid courses, looking into a part-time program as it works with cohort model. Prerequisites of courses and/or degree not needed for accreditation so not part of MA.

4. Amendment to Procedure 2033 for early registration: Addition to semesters (Fall) without evaluation of preceptor as long as students met with them. Not want to make an amendment with reference to another procedure in case one changes but forget to go back and change the relational one. Question & Comments: Union contract specifies the semester (spring) but more students meet in fall (anecdotal, no quantifiable data). Allow a subgroup to register early also if evidence brought forth for the need. Problem of subgroup getting early undercuts need to meet with preceptor? Reference to pilot program with student athletes but no avenue for them to argue for permanence. Learning Access students don't normally meet with preceptor on record since LA handles it.
5. Graduate Commencement Discussion (Informational -- no attachment): Amy Beth Glass presenting. Survey on graduation at Boardwalk Hall. Polled any graduate students willing to talk. Many comments on survey graduate students want their own graduation not combined with undergraduate. Questions and Comments: Provost Vermuelen responds: President encourage exploration of other options hence the survey and will take provost recommendation which will be on Dec. 15th. Recommend separate as making them feel valued in comparison to financial cost of second ceremony, offset costs if grads feel not valued and they stay away from Stockton. Possibility of holding fall ceremony just for grads. This May only PT PhD students hooded so MAs (other PhD?) missed, hierarchy value created.
6. SFT Local 2275/Faculty Senate Joint Statement: Information presented by Brian Tyrrell. No comments or questions.
7. Project Know Us (Informational – no attachment): Manish Madan presenting. This is a feature that will allow people to search for faculty by their expertise. It is accessible from faculty website and development continues. Useful for students/preceptors as well as media looking for experts. Question about specific language necessary for searching. Still working with IT to increase the search capabilities. Suggestions about self-reporting form developed for search information, ability to search by research interest and courses taught. Project has started as a conversation about globalization.

Jackson calls for adjournment, Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.