

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes: March 12, 2021

Meeting comes to order at 12:46

1. Approval of Minutes from January Meeting

Minutes approved.

Note: Manish is meeting with President Kesselman to discuss forming a committee to consider the University name change.

2. Proposal for Race & Justice Curriculum Change – second reading

Presentation by Donnetrice Allison. There was a update added to the document available on the Senate website related to overlap between the R and I courses. There is also more discussion about what other universities are doing related to race and racism. There is also more discussion about requirements for R1 vs. R2 designation.

Vote on proposal: Passes 25-4

3. Proposal for Bachelor of Arts in Visual and Performing Arts – first reading

Presentation by Beverly Vaughn and Hannah U. (See proposals on Senate website.)

4. Nomenclature Changes:

- a. Term freshman to first year
- b. Make local change from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day

Presentation by Susan Davenport. The motivation for the first is to take gender-specific language out of use. The motivation for the second is to make one more small step in embrace the values we have related to diversity. Both of these have been endorsed by the Student Senate.

Motion to endorse the motion. Seconded.

Vote on motion: Motion passes 29-3

Informational Items:

1. Middle States Accreditation Update

Presentation by Bob Heinrich and Claudine Keenan. Wednesday, March 24 we will share the self-study and encourage everyone to participate.

2. Decompress & Disconnect for Faculty & Staff: Friday, March 12, 2021, 3:30 – 4:30 via Zoom (Password: 002727) (A discussion of strategies and techniques to promote healthy boundaries and manage the stressors from working at home)

3. Next Faculty Senate Meeting: April 16, 2021, 12:45.

Additional item:

Consider grade replacement as an option considering the pandemic. Agreement that we will consider this issue in the near future, considering issues related to social justice.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting ends at 2:00.