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Metropolitan State University of Denver

FACULTY SENATE

Wednesday, September 17th 2014

3:20pm – 4:50pm

Tivoli 320 A, B & C

MINUTES

Attendees: Aguilar, Bagwell, Bailey, Balogh, Bergman, Bertlesen, Bisio, Boneh, Bonham, Bradford, Butnor, Carnes, Caston, Chung, Duber-Smith, Duclos, Dyhr, Eastman, Erickson, Evans, Ferrell, Fleck, Flemon, Gagliardi-Seeley, Gatlin, Gilmore, Glatz, Goldstein, Goodnick, Grady-Willis, Hallam, Harder, Hathorn, Heath, Herring, Hill, Holloway, Horan, Huang, Izurieta, Jacobs, Jayasanker, Jiang, Kleinfeld, Kottenstette, Krasner, Lamb, Loats, Love, Monico, Monico, Monsour, Morris, Murphy, Nilles, Odell, Pantos, Perry Evenstad, Piacenti, Pytlinski, Rao, Ribble, Richard, Rocheleau, Rogers, Rucki, Sahami, Sanjurjo, Sgoutas, Shopp, Sidelko, Svonkin, Thompson, Trammell, Welch, Yokley, Zhu
Guests: Foster, Golich

- I. The Senate was Called to Order at 3:26:51 p.m.
- II. Announcements/Updates
 - There is one university committee vacancy available with the Academic Advising Advisory Council. The work of the council is intended to get faculty input into the advising process so that faculty can talk to advising and can identify problems that need to be addressed. They are currently meeting on the fourth Friday of every month from 3:00-4:00. With 18 members they have broken up into four subcommittees to address specific issues. One is dealing with online advising and another is dealing with coordinating central advising with departmental advising opportunities. Questions should be sent to President Rucki.
 - The Faculty Senate has several committee vacancy opportunities. Interested senators should contact their college caucus.
 - Please submit Senate Issues online submittal form at the Faculty Senate Web Page.
 - FACT representatives were solicited. There are three vacancies. If a current senator runs and is elected as FACT, an additional department senate seat would open up. Those interested should send nominations to Senator Corash at dcorash@msudenver.edu.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES VOTE:** 09/03/2014 (available at Senate web page at <http://www.msudenver.edu/facultysenate/meetings/>)

The Vote was Called to approve the September 3rd minutes.

The minutes were Approved by an overall majority.

IV. **COMMITTEE REPORT, PRESENTATION, AND VOTE:** Curriculum Committee.
Senator Z. Balogh (*Document Attached as: FSCCReport for September 17 2014*)

Senator Balogh, Engineering Technology, Curriculum Committee Chair gave the report from the 9/8/2014 meeting.

*Report to Metropolitan State University of Denver Faculty Senate
Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee
September 17, 2014*

*Report by: Zsuzsa Balogh, PhD
Chair of Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee*

Unless otherwise noted, packets are approved unanimously.

Packets Discussed/Approved at the September 8, 2014 FSCC meeting

*SPS 1415-02 JTC-Course Modifications
LAS 1415-04 SOAN-Program Modifications*

The Senate floor was opened for discussion. There was none.

President Rucki gave an explanation of the Senate curriculum the approval process and accepted the report on the Senate's behalf.

V. **SECOND PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND VOTE:** Military Transfer Credit Policy Proposal. Senator Z. Balogh (*Documents Attached as: Military Transfer Credit Policy w track changes, Military Transfer Credit Policy MEMORANDUM, Prior Learning Catalog Language w Military Transfer language*)

Senator Balogh, Engineering Technology, Curriculum Committee Chair summarized the first reading, discussion, and comments at the last meeting on the veteran transfer policy. She reviewed the changes that were made to the policy including allowance for any veteran with the exception of dishonorable discharged veterans.

President Rucki asked if the changes that were suggested concerning separation had been incorporated into the policy.

The Senate floor was opened for discussion.

Senator Jayasanker, History, asked about the language "anything other than dishonorable". He referenced reports in the last year or so that over 100,000 veterans had been dishonorably discharged over the last ten years where a number were due to alcohol or drug abuse related to PTSD.

Senator Rocheleau, Psychology, spoke to the fact that any student can appeal any policy if they believe they have a case to make.

The Vote was called.

With a vote of 57 to 5 the Senate passed the motion.

President Rucki pointed out how this policy was developed.

She first heard Dr. Jordan mention in a meeting that it would be nice to have a policy for veterans. The Provost's Office took up the suggestion and Dr. Potter then went to the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee who worked on the policy in conjunction with other institutions who have a similar policy.

The Curriculum Committee went outside the Senate to work with affected departments and then brought back to the Senate a policy that they had crafted. On the floor of the Senate there was a recommendation that everyone thought would make it better than it was before. So, now there was a policy in place that not only works for Metro but included things that UCD's policy does not include—the issue of separation.

For the next year MSU will be entering into an institution-wide discussion on shared governance. The focus may tend to be on areas where it does not work or there is conflict but it is beholden on the Senate to recognize those routine moments that are done every other Wednesday where shared governance just works. This is a case of that. It is a better policy than if any one group had tried to develop it on their own.

President Rucki congratulated Senator Balogh, the Provost's Office, and everyone else that worked on it, and Senator Ferrell for bringing up the good point last time. She congratulated the Senate for doing shared governance well.

VI. Adjournment was at 3:40:05 p.m.