

Senate Minutes May 9, 2019

Members present: Aloï, AlSalman, Battle, Berven, D., Berven, K., Compoy Cubillo, Chaudhry, Cheezum, Clark, Daniel, Debnath, Didion, Edrisinha, Eis, Estes, Garfinkle, Guessous, Hranchook, Latcha, Lentini, Mitchell, Mitton, Reger, Rigstad, Roth, Townsend, Weiter, Welling, Wells

Members absent: Ball, Baxa, Bowe, Chamra, Cheng, Corcoran, Craig, Dereski, Doherty, Dulio, Fox, Giberson, Giblin, Gooren, Havstad, Ibrahim, Insko, Kleinschmidt, Knox, Lauer, Law-Sullivan, Long, Lucarelli, Margerum-Leys, Mazzeo, Meehan, Megee, Meldrum, Mezwa, Navin, Parkash, Stone, Tracy, Van Til, Wadsworth

Summary of Information and Action Items

INFORMATION ITEMS

Program Modification approved by the Graduate Council to the Doctor of Nursing Practice
creating a track in Adult Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner in the SON
Creation of the Department of Bioengineering in the SECS and CAS
Provost's Updates

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

Motion passed from the General Education Committee to change the Gen Ed
requirement from 40 credits
Motion passed from the Steering Committee to revise the Senate policy on exams
during the final week of classes

Provost Lentini called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

Provost Lentini asked if there were any questions or comments related to the above information items and there were none.

Provost's Updates

Provost Lentini said that at the SEM Open House there were 160 people who attended, and that good input had come from the event. He informed the Senate that a document has been drafted with the 5-year goals, the document to be developed over the summer and finalized in the fall. He explained that university enrollments have declined for the seventh straight year across the country and in Michigan also, and so because of this decline it is an uphill battle when it comes to the budget, and so he emphasized the need to strategize to increase enrollments. He noted that 80% of the university budget is based on tuition and credits that are generated and paid for.

B. APPROVAL of the minutes of April 18, 2019

The minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2019 were approved.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion from the General Education Committee to change the General Education requirement from 40 credits.

***MOVED** that the Senate approve changing the General Education Requirement from a requirement to complete 40 credits across 10 knowledge areas to completing the General Education requirements, including a course of three or more credits in each of the knowledge areas.*

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion from the Steering Committee to revise the Senate policy on exams during the final week of classes.

***MOVED** that the Senate approve a revised policy on examinations during the final week of classes.*

Ms. Mukherji was present to explain several additions made since the last meeting, based upon discussion at that meeting. These additions included: that the word 'calendar' was added because the reference is to calendar days and not business days; laboratory reports were added to the allowable activities; wording to account for an appropriate number of days for other parts of term for ten-week or other sessions; and a statement that faculty members are urged to keep heavy end-of-semester work load in mind when assigning short quizzes and other tests during this time.

There was a motion to amend the original motion incorporating the above changes.

The amended motion is as follows:

Faculty members shall be prohibited from giving in-class or online examinations or tests that are in lieu of final examinations during the last seven calendar days prior to the start of the final examination period of any fall or winter semester, the last 3 calendar days of any seven-week session, and an appropriately adjusted number of days for other parts of term. This policy also covers quizzes if a particular quiz counts for more than 10% of the course grade. Homework assignments, presentations, laboratory reports, and short quizzes, quizzes worth less than or equal to 10% of the course grade are not covered by this policy. Violation of this policy will first be referred to the Dean of the academic unit that offers the course. A student may contact the Academic Affairs office if the issue is not resolved by the academic unit. Faculty members are urged to keep heavy end-of-the-semester work load in mind when assigning quizzes or short assignments during the periods noted above. (Cheezum, Eis)

Mr. Berven pointed out that laboratory reports are actually examinations and are generally worth more than 10% of the grade. Ms. Mukherji suggested adding the word 'examinations' to the motion. Ms. Guessous asked about the summer 14-week sessions and expressed concern that the wording sounded like it might not apply to these sessions. Ms. Mukherji said this was covered in the phrase 'appropriately adjusted number of days for other parts of term'. Mr. Debnath wanted to make sure that the motion

also covers 8 or 10 weeks sessions taught in the fall. Ms. Mukherji affirmed that this part of term is covered in the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Good and Welfare

Provost Lentini expressed his thanks to all the members of the Senate for their work and good discussions this year.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (Senate secretary)