Faculty Assembly Minutes March 29, 2021
Chair: Elizabeth Schmitt Recorder: Lisa Teters

Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 PM with a reading of the Land Acknowledgement Statement

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Approval of March 15, 2021 Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

Special Announcement – Lizeth Ortega, SA President

Due to low number of voters the Student Association will hold special elections on April 8th and 9th at Laker Hall. Lizeth is requesting help from the Faculty: please make an announcement in your classes to encourage students to vote.

III. FA Chair's Report – Liz Schmitt

Notes from the 3/26 leadership meeting:

Testing requirements remain even with vaccinated individuals. This is a SUNY decision, not local. With nicer weather some faculty may be holding classes outdoors. Tents are not possible given wind issues, and we rent most of our chairs for special occasions, but I am working with facilities to see if we can have some availability. The administration continues to work on a graduation ceremony in concert with SUNY, NYS, and Department of Health requirements.

Task force on action plans for an antiracist campus:

This is on hold as we work with a larger institutional initiative under development.

Intellectual Integrity Policy:

See Google Drive sent last week. Please distribute to your faculty to facilitate discussion prior to 4/12. There are significant changes in the discussion of violations, sanction guidance and the role of Student Conduct.

Ad Hoc Committee on SETs:

The committee is selected and will have its first meeting this week.

Business Ahead:

3/29 History, ECE changes; TF on Assessment update, MSCHE update
4/12 Strat Com, ISM; Intellectual Integrity Policy; Intellectual Integrity Policy
4/26 DMDC microcredential, Theatre, IPS BA/BS (?)

IV. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces

- **General Education Council – Christopher LaLonde**
  The General Education Council approved at its most recent meeting the revised History writing plan and a whole host of new courses to it:

HIS 308: Jews, Christians, and Muslims to 1500
HIS 311: Europe in an Age of Revolution, 1789 - 1848
HIS 319: History of England, 1914 - 1950
HIS 333: History of Sexuality in the U.S. and Ireland
HIS 334: Death, Data, and Local Cemeteries
HIS 335: History and Civilizations in South Asia
HIS 336: South Asian Sacred Spaces
HIS 337: Social and Cultural History of Sport
HIS 338: History of Yoga
HIS 339: History of Death and Plague
HIS 352: The Gilded Ages and Progressive Era
HIS 358: American Urban History
HIS 363: The American Revolution
HIS 367: Global Disease
HIS 369: U.S. since 1945
HIS 372: History of Blaxploitation Cinema
HIS 379: History in Video Games
HIS 384: Contemporary Chinese History Through Film: 1900 to Present
HIS 386: Mapping Islamic Slavery in A Global Context
HIS 390: Harems, Bathhouses, and Brothels: Society, Gender, and Sexuality in the Early Modern Islamic World
HIS 391: Modernization and Development in Africa
HIS 392: History of Islam in Africa
HIS 394: History of the Ottoman Empire

The Council also acknowledged receipt of the Theatre department's memo removing a number of courses from its writing plan--primarily because they are rarely or no longer offered--and adding an already approved Music writing course to the list of those that Theatre majors can use in their writing plans.

The Council approved the writing plan for the newly minted IPS major but asked for more information about the two IPS courses that will be included in the list of new courses.

The Council meets next tomorrow morning, 30 March, at 8:00.

- **Priorities and Planning Council – Linda Rae Markert**

The **Priorities & Planning Council** met virtually on Friday, March 26th:

1. We unanimously approved the Communication Studies Department's proposed changes to its MA program in Strategic Communication. With these revisions, core requirements are changed to align course offerings more efficiently with the availability of resources and faculty expertise.

2. Council members reviewed and unanimously approved the Communication Studies Department's revisions to its Advanced Certificate in Integrated Social Media.

3. The School of Communication, Media & the Arts submitted a proposal for what will become SUNY Oswego's first Micro-credential in Digital Media and Communication Design. This 12-credit program will prepare students in digital media, graphic design, and web and social media design. Following discussion of the projected resource implications for this new micro-credential, Council members unanimously approved the proposal.

4. We unanimously approved a minor change in the Theatre Department's revision to its BA program in Theatre.

Finally, we received a report from Dean Julie Pretzat and Professor Amy Shore regarding the move of the Cinema & Screen Studies program from its current home in the Department of English & Creative Writing, to become a new department in the School of Communication, Media & the Arts. Council members expressed support for this move, which aligns with program reviewers' recommendations, curricula, and facility design and utilization

- **Undergraduate Curriculum Council – Minjung Seo**
  New courses
  PRL 498 Public Relations Internship
  PRL 499 PR Independent Study
  GST 109 Who do you think you are?
  HDV 309 Exploration in Human Services
  Course update
  HDV 342 Siblings and Close relatives
  HIS 398 Advanced Historical Methods

- **Academic Policies Council – Eve Clark**
  APC met on March 19. APC reviewed proposals for changes to Intellectual Integrity Policy and the creation of the Integrative Professional Studies BA and BS programs We meet this week on April 2, 3:30pm on zoom

- **Graduate Council – Isabelle Bichindaritz**
  The Graduate Council met on March 25.

  We approved the following modifications to Graduate Communication programs:

  1) changes in course prefixes and numbers to the following courses in the programs:
  BRC 520 (to COM 525),
  BRC 521 (to COM 526),
  CMA 600 (to COM 523)
  CMA 601 (to COM 524)

2) revisions to the Integrated and Social Media Advanced Certificate program curriculum

3) revisions to the Strategic Communication MA program curriculum
We will meet again on 4/8/2021

- **Personnel Policies Council – Ola Kraszpulska**
  PPC met on March 22nd. We discussed changes to the President's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service and Professional Staff Service. The handout on these changes is attached to this week's agenda to be voted on next week.
  Our next meeting will be April 5th.

V. Action: Changes to the History BA
Following brief discussion, the motion was passed.
For: 37 Against: 0 Abstain: 4

Action: Changes to the ECE BS
Following brief discussion, the motion was passed.
For: 38 Against: 0 Abstain: 2

VI. Interim Report from the Task Force on Assessment Practices – Preety Tripathi, Chair
Preety discussed the purpose of the task force and introduced the members. The timeline, activities and outcomes were explained. The complete presentation can be seen on the FA website.

VII. MSCHE Self Study Update – Rick Back and Kristi Eck
Please see the MSCHE website here. Rick and Kristi provided an update on the Self Study. Their complete presentation can be seen on the FA website.

VIII. New Business.
No new business this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM

The next meeting will be 4/12/21 at 3:30 pm via Zoom. Please go to the FA website to see the complete Spring 2021 FA meeting schedule.