

Minutes of CAS Faculty Senate meeting, September 18, 2017, 104 Gore Hall, 4pm

Present: J. Alcantara-Garcia, A. Barrier, E. Bell, M. Cotsell, M. Dominguez Torres, M. Donovan, L. Duggan, P. Gentry, J. Gizis, R. Hanley, A. Hayes, A. Hicks, T. Holden, K. Jasinska, S. Kaufman, Y. Leung, B. Ley, D. Lopez-Gydosh, J. Martin, S. McKenna, J. Morgan, J. Morrison, J. Oestreich, O. Olabisi, S. Patel, R. Rawat, K. Rosenberg, A. Sarzynsky, J. Serrano, D. Smith, L. Timmins, G. Watson

- I. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM
- II. The agenda was approved
- III. The minutes of the May 2017 meeting were approved
- IV. Mike Fennell gave the senators a briefing on the new Curriculog system. This implements the same system as before, but online instead of on paper. It is a public facing system so all proposals can be seen. Please contact him to arrange for department training. In response to a question, it was explained that over 850 faculty have permission to start form; new faculty can be added by registrar if informed by the department. Senators will be able to make comments on proposals online.
- V. Remarks of Senate President Kaufman. He emphasized the importance of keeping up with curriculum proposals. Besides presentations on college initiatives, the senate should think about what else we should be doing. The senate has the important power of asking questions. He discussed the standing advisory and retention committee. The Blue Hens Success Initiative is important for supporting student advising and retention. The Senate should discuss incentives for advising. The committee to study college morale has been formed. The President described his efforts to work with the office of equity and inclusion.
- VI. Remarks of Dean Watson. Please plan to attend the State of the College event. He discussed the UD ADVANCE climate survey. He reported that he is working with the University President's office in the post-RBB budget era. University committees are working on a new budget model. Faculty searches have now been approved but later than in the previous years. The Comprehensive Campaign for fundraising is being launched in November. The college goal is \$100 million. The dean took a number of questions. The increase in the number of international students with relatively poor English skills was discussed. The Dean noted that other colleges are encountering similar issues. The role of the Blue Hens Success Initiative, ELI, and DSS . The sources of language help could be a subject of a future senate presentation. ELI is responsible for the success of ELI students and they can be sent back for additional help.
- VII. Educational Affairs Committee Report: All curriculum proposals must use Curriculog. A. Barrier noted that many Curriculog proposals are hung up at the department level. They need to be approved by a department committee as well as the chair. She also noted that the Senate may wish to consider the Second Writing requirements should be changed.
- VIII. Aaron Kupchik was approved as chair of committee on college environment.

- IX. The revised Senate meeting schedule was approved. Meetings will be on October 16, November 27, and December 11.
- X. New Business: J. Morgan, on behalf on B. McKenna, suggested forming a committee to look into the University of Delaware's slip in the US News and World Report rankings. McKenna will make a presentation on this issue at the October meeting.
- XI. Adjourned at 5:07pm.