

# COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE AGENDA

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## November 2017-18

### CAS Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 27, 2017

104 Gore Hall

4:00 PM

1. Call the Meeting to Order (S. Kaufman)
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Review of minutes of October CAS Senate meeting (posted on CAS web site)
4. Remarks from Senate President (S. Kaufman)
5. Committee Reports

A. Educational Affairs Committee (A. Barrier) **CAS Faculty Senate Meeting, Nov 27, 2017** (login with UD credentials and click on Agendas tab at the top)  
**Consent Agenda**

1. Actuarial Sciences (BS) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
2. Ancient Greek and Roman Studies (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
3. Approved Field Electives for the Political Science major and minor 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
4. Approved list of integrative and technical electives 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
5. Approved list of Literature-based Biology courses 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
6. Biological Sciences (PhD/MBA) 2017-2018 Graduate Program Revision
7. Biology Minor 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
8. Chemistry and Biochemistry (MA) 2017-2018 Graduate Program Revision
9. Chemistry and Biochemistry (PhD) 2017-2018 Graduate Program Revision
10. Communication (MA) 2017-2018 Graduate Program Revision
11. Communication (PhD) 2017-2018 Graduate New Program

12. Communication - Interpersonal Communication Concentration (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
13. Communication - Media Communication Concentration (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
14. Disaster Science and Management (MS) 2017-2018 Graduate Program Revision
15. Disaster Science and Management (PhD) 2017-2018 Graduate Program Revision
16. French Education (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
17. French/Political Science (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
18. German Certificate 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
19. German Education (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
20. German/Political Science (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
21. Global Studies Minor 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
22. Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action 2017-2018 Graduate New Program
23. Historic Preservation Certificate 2017-2018 Graduate Program Revision
24. History (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
25. History - American History Concentration (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
26. History - American History Concentration Honors (HBA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
27. History - European History Concentration (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
28. History - European History Concentration Honors (HBA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
29. History - World History Concentration (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
30. History - World History Concentration Honors (HBA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
31. History courses before 1700 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision

32. History courses on the history of Asia, Africa, Latin America, or Middle East 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
33. Italian Education (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
34. Japanese Studies (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
35. Latin Education (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
36. Latin Education - Classics Concentration (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
37. Linguistics and French (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
38. Master of Public Policy (MPP) 2017-2018 Graduate New Program
39. Mathematics and Economics (BS) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
40. Music - Composition Concentration (MM) 2017-2018 Graduate Program Revision
41. Music Composition (BM) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
42. Music Minor - Jazz Studies 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
43. Philosophy (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
44. Political Communication Minor 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
45. Political Science and International Relations 2017-2018 Graduate Program Revision
46. Religious Studies Minor 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
47. Social Studies in World History (MA) 2017-2018 Graduate Program Deactivation
48. Spanish Education (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
49. Spanish Studies (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
50. Spanish/Political Science (BA) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Program Revision
51. Teaching Chinese as a Second Language 2017-2018 Graduate New Program

## Proposals for Individual Consideration

1. M.S. in Fashion and Apparel Studies 2017-2018 Graduate Program Revision
2. Museum Studies Minor 2017-2018 Undergraduate New Program
3. Women and Religion 2017-2018 Undergraduate New Program

### B. Other

#### 6. **Remarks** from Dean

7. Unfinished Business: Resolution proposing committee examining the University of Delaware's ranking (J. Morgan)

8. New Business

9. Introduction of New Business

10. Adjournment

Text of Proposed Resolution:

WHEREAS the College faculty is responsible for all matters relating to the academic and educational affairs of the College of Arts and Sciences, and

WHEREAS the College Senate represents the faculty in governance, integrating the interests of departments and programs and representing College-wide interests to the College's administration and the University Faculty Senate, and

WHEREAS the University's academic standing and reputation should be of significant concern to both the College and the entire University community; and

WHEREAS the University's standing in at least one widely-consulted ranking, the *US News and World Report's* rankings of "Best Colleges", has steadily declined in the last 8 years from #68 to #81, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that there be constituted until August 31, 2019 an *ad hoc* College of Arts and Sciences Senate Committee on the University's Academic Reputation charged with surveying the various extant systems for assessing universities' academic reputations; evaluating the degree to which different measures and assessment systems should be of particular concern to the University and the College; analyzing the causes and consequences of the decline in the University's standing in the USN&WR rankings and any other ranking systems; and offering recommendations for actions which would increase the University's academic performance and consequently improve its ranking. This committee shall consist of at least 4 members, with at least one faculty member from each of the 4 current portfolios within the College. Consistent with Section III.16 of the College Senate's Bylaws, the members of this *ad hoc* committee and its chair (or co-chairs) shall be selected by the College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee.

This committee shall be charged with collecting and analyzing information about the factors which contribute to the University's ranking by USN&WR and other ranking agencies, and the consequences of declining rankings of national universities in general and our own university in particular; making recommendations for improving the University's standing in its rankings by USN&WR and other ranking agencies; providing frequent oral and/or written reports to the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate with suggestions for addressing such issues as are identified; and providing timely advice to the Dean of the College and other administrative officers of the College and the University.

SPONSOR: John Morgan (Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy, departmental senator and CAS COCAN Chair since 2014).