

September 11, 2012

2011-2012 Faculty Senate Summary Report
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The Faculty Senate met the second Tuesday of each month from September to May of the 2011-2012 academic year. In an effort to complete unresolved business of the Academic Senate, two special or “Call Meetings” were held. The following notations of occurrences summarize senate activities:

Total meetings held – 11 (nine regularly scheduled, 2 special meetings)

Meetings without a seated quorum – 0

Number of proposals reviewed and/ or brought to vote- 14

Approved: 10

- BA in French and Spanish changed from Majors
- Discontinuation of Masters in Counseling (Psychology)
- BS in Information Technology in Computer Science (approved)
- BS in Computer Science
- Recommended changes in “Minors and Concentrations” language
- 3 new courses in CAUSES (Environmental Sustainability, Environmental Studies and Sustainability, and Urban Water Quality Management).
- Homeland Security Science and Technology course
- Graduate Council revisions to charter

Rejected: 1

- UDC-CC Faculty Senate Proposal (Action was preceded by a “Charge” from the Chair of Board of Trustees’ UDC-CC Committee.

Proposals Returned to Committees, Colleges, or Withdrawn: 3

- Government Procurement Program (Returned to college committee)
- Education Program Proposals (Returned to college committee)

- MFA in Writing (Recalled by Graduate Council)

Other Business

Deliberations impacting the future order of Senate business:

- Senate vote and Board of Trustees' Resolution to permit the Community College Student Government Representative to serve on Faculty Senate.
- Charter changes: Relinquishing the power of the Senate Chair to appoint chairs of senate committees; and a request that the Board of Trustees make a change to the Senate composition list (Eliminate the seat for an adjunct faculty member).

Outstanding or Work for Follow-up and Resolution during 2012-2013 Session

- Clarification regarding function, roles, and responsibilities of UDC-CC and the Faculty Senate.
- Follow-up and resolution on Noel Levitz document review (ASPPC)
- Creation of requested ad hoc committee to review the impact and possibility of merging or clustering small departments for senate representation (Senate Chair)
- Ruling on Faculty Senate's role in Grievance proceedings as indicated in DCMR 8 (Chair has requested from Board of Trustees)
- Resolution regarding business related to Center for Urban Education
- Follow-up report from Provost regarding program's reorganization meeting held April 18, 2011 (Education, Physics, Business, Health Education).
- Clarification or policy regarding the enforcement of "dismissing students from class after they've been dropped from the official rolls". (Admission and retention Committee)

- Finalize recommended changes for the chair of ASPPC's attendance at Graduate Council meetings
- Provost decision regarding release time for Faculty Senate officers. (Letter of request submitted May 30, 2012). Follow-up by Senate Chair.

Please review this report as a draft summary of 2011-2012 Faculty Senate Activities. Review the content and forward any proposed corrections to me electronically by September 28, 2012.