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Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Monday April 3, 2023
3:30-5:00 PM • Coburn Hall 255

1. Approval of 3/13/23 Faculty Senate Minutes
 - **Approved 100%**
2. **Preparation for upcoming elections** (Kerry Patenaude)
 - Department Elections for 2023-2024 Faculty Senators
 - Term will be May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2025
 - Meetings will be held on Mondays at 3:30pm
 - Send newly elected senator names to Kerry at faculty_senate@uml.edu by April 21
 - Full-Time Faculty Lists
 - Kerry will contact each Department to confirm list of full-time faculty members
 - Some departments can add another senator, some departments have an extra senator and will need to resolve; Goal is to start 2023-2024 with accurate updated lists
 - Nominations for 2023-2024 Senate Officers
 - Nominations for President, Vice-President, Board of Trustee Representative and Alternate Representative open April 1 and close on April 17
 - Send nominations to Kerry at faculty_senate@uml.edu by April 17
 - Senate Officer Elections at May 1 meeting; note 3:00pm start time
3. **Update on Core Curriculum** (Michelle Hunt)

- ELOs are meant to be in the major; outsourcing to another program can end up causing issues
- Currently approving ELO courses through Curriculog; Plan to create a Curriculog process for BoK designations for interdisciplinary courses
- Assessment of meeting the ELOs as charged with from by-laws; Survey will be going out this week to people who are teaching AIL courses this semester
- To reduce the number of exceptions departments are asked to advise students well re: BoK and ELO courses
- For questions or discussion contact Michelle core_curriculum@uml.edu

4. **Undergraduate Policy Committee** (Michael Geiger)

- Proposal to update Nursing Degree Pathway
 - **Approved: Yes 97%, No 0%, Abstain 3%**
- Proposal for a minor in Sports Engineering
 - **Approved: Yes 91%, No 1%, Abstain 7%**
- Proposal to update the Education Minor
 - **Approved: Yes 90%, No 3%, Abstain 7%**

5. **Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee** (Saira Latif)

- Proposal to waive the GRE admission requirement:
 - MS and PhD programs in the Department of Biological Sciences
 - **Approved: Yes 85%, No 9%, Abstain 9%**
 - MS in Information Technology offered through the Miner School of Computer and Information Sciences
 - **Approved: Yes 94%, No 2%, Abstain 5%**
 - MS and PhD programs in the Department of Environmental, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
 - **Approved: Yes 89%, No 5%, Abstain 6%**
 - MS programs in the Department of Mathematical Sciences
 - **Approved: Yes 87%, No 1%, Abstain 12%**
 - MS and PhD programs in the Department of Chemistry

- **Approved: Yes 88%, No 6%, Abstain 6%**
- MS and PhD programs in Physics, as well as PhD options in Energy Engineering, Atmospheric Sciences, and Applied Mechanics in the Department of Physics and Applied Physics
 - **Approved: Yes 86%, No 5%, Abstain 9%**
- Proposal for New Graduate Certificate in Pathogen Diagnostics
 - **Approved: Yes 90%, No 0%, Abstain 10%**

Meeting adjourned 4:26pm

Next Meeting: Monday May 1, 2023 at 3:00pm in Coburn 255