

**Minutes of the
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, 26 January 2001
SC 214, 3pm**

Members present: Senators Broschius, Catanzaro, Game, Gordon, Hubbard, Keeling, Kidd, Marshall, Mazzarella, McCubbin, Reimer, Savitzky, Schell, Siochi, Wymer

Members missing: Senator Winder

- I. Call to order: President Siochi called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- II. Minutes for December 1, 2000 meeting were approved with corrections.
- III. President's Report
 - A. No report.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Three recommendations were brought forward by the UCC for the Faculty Senate to consider.
 - 1. UCC recommended approving the proposed restructuring of the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. These changes add a concentration in American Politics; Strengthen the connection between American Politics and International Relations; drops three courses from the program (GOVT104G, GOVT321, & GOVT451); and change GOVT355 from an option in the Bachelor of Arts program to a required core course for the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.
 - 2. The UCC recommended approving the request that CNU petition SCHEV for a separate Bachelor or Arts Degree program Communication Studies.
 - 3. The UCC recommended approving the request for a concentration in Leadership Studies in the degree program of Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.
 - B. General Education Committee: Forwarded a list of nineteen courses they recommended for approval as writing intensive courses to be designated as (WI) in future Schedule of Classes and catalogs. One course (BIOL208) was subsequently withdrawn for further consideration by the Department of Biology Chemistry and Environmental Science and the GEC. Other course will be submitted.
 - C. Outstanding Faculty Award Committee: Award process is moving forward.
 - D. Sabbatical Committee: Recommendations were forwarded to the Senate for consideration.
- V. Old Business: None.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report: Three motions were considered by the Senate.

1. **Motion: The Faculty Senate accepts the recommendation of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and approves the proposed restructuring of the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. These changes add a concentration in American Politics; Strengthen the connection between American Politics and International Relations; drops three courses from the program (GOVT104G, GOVT321, & GOVT451); and change GOVT355 from an option in the Bachelor of Arts program to a required core course for the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.**
 Moved by Senator Kidd, seconded by Senator Mazzarella.
 Vote: Unanimous.
Motion passes.

2. **Motion: The Faculty Senate accepts the recommendation of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and approves the request that CNU petition SCHEV for a separate Bachelor of Arts Degree program Communication Studies.**
 Moved by Senator Hubbard, seconded by Senator Mazzarella.
 Vote: Unanimous.
Motion passes.

3. The Faculty Senate discussed the recommendation for the concentration in Leadership Studies. The Senate fully embraced the idea of a Leadership Studies program as a valuable addition to the curriculum at Christopher Newport University. Several Senators felt that a degree program in Leadership Studies would benefit the University but that the degree program would benefit from an interdisciplinary approach which incorporated perspectives from across the curriculum at CNU.

 Senator Marshall submitted the following motion:
Motion: Whereas the Faculty Senate sees great potential in creating Leadership Studies programs, the Faculty Senate recommends the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee explore creating an Interdisciplinary Leadership Degree Program with the Department of Government and Public Affairs and other interested Departments.
 Seconded by Senator Game.
 Vote:
 For: Senators Broschious, Catanzaro, Game, Gordon, Hubbard, Keeling, Marshall, Mazzarella, McCubbin, Reimer, Savitzky, Schell, Wymer.
 Abstentions : Kidd.
Motion passes.

- B. **Motion: The Faculty Senate accepts the recommendation of the General Education Council and approves eighteen courses as writing intensive to be designated as (WI) in future Schedule of Classes and catalogs.**
 Moved by Senator Broschious, seconded by Senator Stavitzky.
 Vote: Unanimous.
Motion passes.

- C. **Motion: The Faculty Senate accepts the recommendation of the Sabbatical Committee. The names will be forwarded to the Provost before February 1, 2001.**

Moved by Senator Mazzearella, seconded by Senator Keeling.

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion passes.

- D. Senator Siochi noted that Zeta Chapter of Virginia was recently chartered the Honor Society for Computing Sciences Upsilon Pi Epsilon for the Department of Physics, Computer Sciences and Engineering at CNU.

VII. Adjournment

Senator Gordon moved for adjournment, Senator Keeling seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Timothy R. Marshall
Faculty Senate Secretary

Important Dates

Faculty Senate Ex. Committee Meeting: Friday, Feb. 16, 2001, 3 pm. Gosnold 221.

Faculty Senate Meeting: Friday Feb. 23, 2001, 3pm SC 214.