



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Dr. Brendan B. Kelly, President
RE: President's Response to Senate Actions
DATE: January 25, 2021

Following is my response to the actions of the Faculty Senate as represented in the minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2020, which were approved on December 10, 2020. All program approvals are made contingent upon the department's commitment to staff the changes out of existing internal funds. Note that Section 3.6.2 of the Board of Regents *Policy Manual* states, *inter alia*: "The termination of educational programs, degrees, or majors shall be submitted to the Chancellor for review and recommendation for action by the Board of Regents." So, all program, degree, and major terminations (as well as additions) need to be approved by the Board. Our requests should include the rationale and the plan for addressing the needs of existing students.

Committee Reports:

Committee I: Undergraduate Programs Committee (Rosemary Kellison, Chair)

Action Items:

A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry

1) Department of Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology

a. Anthropology, B.S.

Request: Modify

Modifications: New Concentration, Updated Catalog Description, Modified Curriculum

Item approved with 34 in favor, 10 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

b. Embedded Certificate in Health and Society

Request: Add

Item approved with 37 in favor, 8 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

- 2) Department of English, Film, Language, and Performing Arts
 - a. FORL 3000 Global Languages and Cultures Colloquium
Request: Add
Items were approved as a block with 47 in favor and 1 abstention.
 - b. Stand Alone Certificate in Global Languages and Cultures
Request: Add
Items were approved as a block with 47 in favor and 1 abstention.

I accept these motions.

B) College of Education

- 1) Department of Literacy and Special Education
 - a. Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Special Education
Request: Modify
Modifications: Modify a Track, Updated Catalog Description, Modified Curriculum
Item approved with 43 in favor and 2 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

C) Department of Mass Communications

- 1) COMM 4457 Global Media
Request: Add
Item approved with 35 in favor, 6 opposed, and 6 abstentions.

I accept this motion.

D) University College

- 1) XIDS 1004 Oral and Technological Communication
Request: Delete
Items were approved as a block with 45 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.
- 2) XIDS 2201 Science Foundations
Request: Delete
Items were approved as a block with 45 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept these motions.

Information Items:

- A) College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry
 - 1) Department of Art, History, and Philosophy

- a. Minor in History
Request: Modify Minor in History
Modification: Designate the Minor in History as “Fully Online Optional.”

I have no comment.

Committee III: Academic Policies Committee (Emily McKendry-Smith, Chair)

Action Items:

A) Adopt Spring 2021 Withdrawal Deadline Recommendation

Item approved with 43 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

I accept the recommendation.