

Motions from Faculty Senate AY 2009-10

Motion 1-09-10: (From the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom) “The Faculty Senate recommends that the following University Speakers Policy be accepted.” [See attachment]

Final policy recommendation from the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom

As a reflection of the Mission statement that calls on us to “provide learning experiences that...include understanding interactions and syntheses through discussion [and] critical thinking,” all members of the University community are encouraged to invite speakers and to arrange for public events that reflect a broad range of perspectives. The names of speakers and a brief description of every event must be submitted electronically for inclusion in the official university calendar at least one week prior to the event. An invitation to speak at the University does not include license for unlawful activity or activity that endangers or imminently threatens to endanger the safety of any member of the community or any of the community’s physical facilities, nor any activity that disrupts or obstructs the functions of the University or imminently threatens such disruption or obstruction. In the unlikely circumstance where a speaker might create a public safety concern, the Provost/VPAA may reschedule, relocate, or cancel the event. In the unlikely circumstance where a speaker might use the University as a platform to disparage its Catholic and Jesuit identity or the mission statement of the University, the Provost/VPAA may take steps to ensure that the University’s institutional perspective is represented. In either circumstance, the Provost shall provide the Faculty Senate with a written justification for the action taken.

Motion 2-09-10: that the President of the Senate meet and discuss with Dean of CAS regarding the dismissal of faculty advisors from CAS Advising Center.

Motion 3-09-10: Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate charges its President to meet with the Provost to discuss the possibility of intervening in the understaffing crisis in the CAS Academic Advising Center, with the goal of restoring the faculty advisor positions by the beginning of the spring semester 2010.

Motion 4-9-10: Deletion of Elementary Education / Special Education Curriculum

Motion 5-9-10: Deletion of Elementary Education / Early Childhood Education Curriculum

Motion 6-9-10: Deletion of Early Childhood Education / Special Education Curriculum

Motion 7-09-10 : The Faculty Senate will constitute an ad hoc committee for reviewing the freshman seminar proposal and the GE curriculum proposal, and we charge that committee with reviewing the proposals, taking into account statements made at the Senate, talking with people in various departments and programs, and then reporting back to the senate by the April meeting.

Motion 8-09-10: In compliance with the Carnegie Classification, and our commitment to our community, during the Mulberry Project the University should pursue a policy to encourage good locally owned small businesses. For example, the University should act to sustain Aroma Café during the Mulberry Project and allow them to move back into the new construction.

Motion 9-09-10: Resolved: In light of the recent five-day-long unanticipated near collapse of e-mail services on the campus, The Faculty Senate requests that the University adopt a formal policy regarding upgrades. Namely, we request that future upgrades be scheduled in consultation with The Faculty Senate and that the upgrades be preceded by ample notification of all users.

Motion 10-09-10: The Faculty Senate recommends the Provost approve the curriculum proposal: "Asian Studies Concentration" in the revised form posted on 11/17/09.

Motion 11-09-10

In accordance with Appendix VIII of the Faculty Handbook, The Faculty Senate recommends adoption of the following policy statement and its inclusion in the standards of conduct section of the student handbook: It is University Policy that audio and/or video recording of classroom activities may not be made without the specific written permission of the faculty member; that any recordings may not be shared, posted, or otherwise disseminated by the student; and that violation of either of these prohibitions will be treated as a violation of the University of Scranton Policy.

Motion 12-09-10:The Faculty Senate recommend that the administration not ask the CAS dean's position search committee to review applications until we are certain that the position is open.

Motion 13-09-10: "The Faculty Senate recommends the Provost approve the curriculum proposal: "New Program Latin American Studies Major," posted on 11/24/09."

Motion 14-09-10: "The Faculty Senate recommends the Provost approve the curriculum proposal: "Program Deletion Proposal Associate Degree in Political Science," posted on 1/4/10."

Karpiak noted that there was very little controversy surrounding discussion of this proposal. This was a program that only had three people enrolled within the past 10 years. The department chose to let it go rather than place additional money into the program. The discussion focused on making sure all the necessary administrative signatures were in place. The committee voted 11-0 to approve this. Motion was approved without audible dissent.

Motion 15-09-10: "The Faculty Senate insists that the curricular review process follow the posted procedures." There is concern that procedures are not being followed.

Motion 16-09-10: Faculty Senate accepts the Registrar's suggestions on the fall calendars for 2011,2012, and 2013. The Senate urges the Registrar to attempt to place Monday class Final exams no earlier than Wednesday of Finals Week.

Motion 17-09-10: Faculty Senate suggests a change to the Registrar's suggestions on the spring calendars for 2012,2013, and 2014, which would include combining Easter and Spring breaks.

Motion 18-09-10: Faculty Senate rescinds Motion 17-09-10.

Motion 19-09-10: Faculty Senate accepts the Registrar's suggestions on the spring calendars for 2012,2013, and 2014.

Motion 20-09-10: The Faculty Senate recommends that the Provost approve the Women's Studies major proposal.

Motion 21-09-10: Individual or extenuating circumstances may necessitate employee travel via automobile. The use of a personal automobile for faculty travel that is subject to approval by the Faculty Travel Committee or an administrator will be determined through the Faculty Travel Committee review process or by the administrator, as appropriate. The Faculty Travel Committee or appropriate administrator may authorize full reimbursement for the actual miles the automobile is driven at the then standard rate per mile. All travel reimbursements for faculty travel must meet IRS guidelines. In those cases where certain meals are included in registration fees or paid for by others, the less-than-full-day travel Per Diem rates apply. (middle sentence from present policy removed) If the traveler is unable to eat the meal provided, Per Diem Rates apply.

If the traveler does not eat a meal included in the registration fee, this should be noted on the travel expense report for reimbursement. If the cost of that meal exceeds the Per Diem rate a dated itemized receipt must be included.

