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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Proposals Returned to Committees, Colleges, or Withdrawn: 3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.*