

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Beheruz N. Sethna, President
RE: Response to Senate Actions
DATE: January 10, 2012



Following is my response to the actions of the Faculty Senate as represented in the minutes of the meeting of November 11, 2011, which were approved at the Faculty Senate meeting on December 9, 2011. All program approvals are made contingent upon the department's commitment to staff the changes out of existing internal funds.

Committee Reports:

Undergraduate Academic Programs Committee

- A. Motion to add a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies in Foreign Languages and Literatures was approved.

I accept this motion.

- B. Motion to deactivate the Post-baccalaureate initial Certification in Middle Grades Education was approved.

I accept this motion.

Graduate Programs Committee

- B. Motion to approve time limits to complete a graduate degree (see minutes) was passed.

I accept this motion.

- C. 1. Motion to modify the Doctor of Education with a Major in School Improvement and to add various courses was approved.

I accept this motion.

2. Motion was approved to add SEED 7288 – Teaching Internship.

I accept this motion.

- D. Motion to modify Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Psychology: Consciousness and Society and to add PSYC – 8007 Foundations of Critical Psychology was approved.

I accept this motion.

- E. Motion to modify Master of Arts with a Major in Sociology and to delete various Sociology courses (see minutes) was passed.

I accept this motion.

Academic Policies and Procedure

- A. Motion to approve modifications to the language on Transient Student Status in the Undergraduate Catalog (see minutes) was passed.

I accept this motion.

- B. Motion to approve two new 200-minute time slots to be available beginning Fall semester 2012 – Fridays 9-12:20pm and 1-4:20pm (slots available for shorter class periods also) was passed.

I accept this motion.

- C. Motion to pass a new External Researcher Policy (see Addendum VI of the agenda) was approved.

I also accept this motion.

Faculty Development Committee

- A. Motion to replace Section 104.04 of the Faculty Handbook – Evaluation of Academic Deans (see Addendum) was approved.

I tentatively accept this motion, with the caveat for all such new systems, that I reserve the right to bring it back after we have gained experience with the new procedure.