



Faculty Senate Newsletter

Synopsis of the March 22nd, 2017 Faculty Senate Meeting

More detailed information on all items included in this newsletter are available in the draft minutes posted on the Google site for the [April Faculty Senate meeting](#). Once the minutes have been approved by the Senate, they will be posted on the Faculty Senate website along with all related documents.

Of Particular Importance to A//University Faculty

Proposed Guidelines for University Certificates

Professor Paul MacDonald, chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, presented a proposal for Guidelines for University Certificates. The proposal establishes a formal process for approving certificate programs as well as defining and approving criteria and standards for certificate programs, so that participation in and completion of a certificate program can be noted on a student's transcript. The proposal was reviewed by the Executive Committee previously but had subsequently been revised to better define the approval process for post-baccalaureate certificates. The guidelines now provide that the Senate Executive Committee would be responsible for determining whether a proposed post-baccalaureate certificate should be reviewed by the Committee on Undergraduate Education or the Committee on Graduate Studies.

A member of the Senate from the School of Nursing asked whether the proposed guidelines would apply to the post-master's degree certificates offered through the School of Nursing. Credit hours required for these certificates differ but the average is about 12 and in most cases the certificates are noted on the student's transcript. The proposed guidelines require certificates to be 15 credit hours in order to be included on the transcript. The Senate decided that this should be discussed with the Graduate Studies Committee before asking the Senate to vote on the proposal.

Other Items from the Meeting

Graduate Certificate in Public Health

Professor Mendel Singer (SOM) presented a proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Public Health. The proposal had been approved by the Committee on Graduate Studies. There are many individuals interested in public health who don't have the time or resources to invest in the Master's in Public Health. The Certificate is a good option for these individuals. Also, the credits are transferable to the MPH. The Faculty Senate voted to approve the Certificate.



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Graduate Certificate in Nutrition for Health Care Professionals

Professor Tamara Randall (SOM) presented the Graduate Certificate in Nutrition for Health Care Professionals. The proposal had been approved by the Committee on Graduate Studies. The Certificate is designed to provide advanced training in nutrition for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, dentists, etc... The Faculty Senate voted to approve the Certificate.

Graduate Certificate in Global Health- Nutrition

Professor Tamara Randall also presented the Graduate Certificate in Global Health- Nutrition. The proposal had been approved by the Committee on Graduate Studies. Certificates in Global Health are currently offered in a number of departments in the School of Medicine including the Departments of Bioethics, Epidemiology/Biostatistics, and Medicine. Other schools across the university that offer the Certificate include the School of Nursing, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. The Faculty Senate voted to approve the Certificate.