

## **Academic Senate Annual Report 2015-16**

The items considered and the actions taken by the Academic Senate in 2015-2016 are summarized below.

### **UNIVERSITY POLICY & REVISIONS OF POLICY**

- **10-20-15**
  - Revision of **Certificate Policy 85-08** (AS-976-15/CEPC)
- **12-5-15**
  - Policy and Procedures for **Responding to Allegations of Misconduct in Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities** (AS-974-15/FPPC)
- **3-3-16**
  - Approved the revised **Intellectual Property Policy** (AS-944-14/FPPC)
- **3-17-16**
  - Approved the revised **Charge of the Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology** (AS-989-15/EC)
- **4-7-16**
  - Approved **the Policy on Unmanned Aircraft Systems** (AS-992-16/EC)

### **DEGREES, PROGRAMS, OPTIONS, CERTIFICATES, AND CREDENTIALS APPROVALS**

- **11-12-15**
  - Proposal: **MS in Engineering Management** (AS-973-15/CEPC/URC)
  - Proposal: **Minor in Public Relations** (AS-983-15/CEPC/URC)
  - Proposal: **Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering Degree Program** (AS-978-15/CEPC/URC)
  - Proposal: **Master of Science in Engineering Management** (AS-973-15/CEPC/URC)
- **3-17-16**
  - Proposal: **Minor in Korean Language & Culture** (AS-984-15/CEPC/URC)
- **4-21-16**
  - Proposal: **Minor in Gerontology** (AS-986-15/CEPC/URC)
  - Proposal: **BA American Sign Language (ASL)**-( AS-987-15/CEPC/URC)
- **5-5-16**
  - Proposal: **Minor Fashion Design** (AS-988-15/CEPC/URC)

### **DISCONTINUANCES, NAME CHANGES, & SUSPENSIONS OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS APPROVALS**

- **11-12-15**
  - Discontinuance: **Reading/Language Arts Option in the MA in Ed Degree Program and Specialist Credential (AS-975-15/CEPC/URC)**
  - Discontinuance: **MA in Global Logistics (AS-977-15/CEPC/URC)**
  - Discontinuance: **Reading/Language Arts Option in the MA in Ed Degree Program and Specialist Credential (AS-975-15/CEPC/URC)**
- **2-4-16**
  - Discontinuance of the **Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree Program in Kinesiology (AS-971-15/CEPC/URC)**
- **4-21-16**
  - Discontinuance: **MFA in Theatre Arts, Option in Theatre Management (AS-981-15/CEPC/URC)**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 9-10-15, The Academic Senate selected four tenured faculty members to Provost Search Committee
- 10-29-15, Annual Academic Senate Retreat, **“BEYOND THE NUMBERS: PLANNING TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21st CENTURY”**
- 3-17-16, Annual Academic Senate spring Reception

### **AWARDS**

The University Awards Committee selected the following faculty members for the 2015/16 awards:

- a. Distinguished Scholarly and Creative Achievement Award
  - Christopher Lowe, Biological Sciences, CNSM
  - Hugh Wilford, History, CLA
- b. Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award
  - Jake Wilson, sociology, CLA
- c. Early Career Excellence Award
  - Theodore Stankowich, Biological Sciences, CNSM
- d. Distinguished Faculty Advising
  - Jennifer Fleming, Journalism, CLA
  - Kay Lee-Fruman, Biological Sciences, CNSM
- e. Nicholas Perkins Hardeman Academic Leadership Award

- The Nicholas Perkins Hardeman Award was not awarded this year.
- f. Outstanding Professor Award
  - Clorinda Donato, RGRLL, CLA
- g. Community Service Award (Faculty)
  - Kristine Zentgraf, Sociology, CLA

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The elected members of the 2015-2016 Executive Committee of the Academic Senate were:

Chair	Praveen Soni, Marketing
Vice Chair	Norbert Schürer, English
Secretary	Jody Cormack, Physical Therapy
Member-at-Large	Chris Brazier, Chemistry & Biochemistry
Member-at-Large	Jessica Pandya, Liberal Studies
Member-at-Large	Alexandra Jaffe, Linguistics
Member-at-Large	Sharon Olson, Center for International Education