

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Kyle Marrero, President

RE: Response to Senate Actions

DATE: April 1, 2016



Following is my response to the actions of the Faculty Senate as represented in the minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2016, which were approved at the Faculty Senate meeting on March 25, 2016. All program approvals are made contingent upon the department's commitment to staff the changes out of existing internal funds. Note that Section 3.6.2 of the Board of Regents *Policy Manual* states, *inter alia*: "The termination of educational programs, degrees, or majors shall be submitted to the Chancellor for review and recommendation for action by the Board of Regents." So, all program, degree, and major terminations (as well as additions) need to be approved by the Board. Our requests should include the rationale and the plan for addressing the needs of existing students.

Committee Reports:

Undergraduate Programs Committee

A) Motions to modify BIOL 2022, BIOL 2202-L, and BIOL 2030 were approved.

I accept these motions.

B) Motion to modify Bachelor of Science with a major in Sociology was approved.

I accept this motion.

C) Motion to amend the December 4, 2015 minutes to show that the Bachelor of Science with a Major in Economics/Secondary Education was approved as a deactivation (instead of a termination) was passed.

I accept this motion.

Graduate Programs Committee

Motions to add POLS 5216, MKTG 5810, and MKTG 6850 were approved.

I accept these motions.

Honors Program Committee

- A) Motion was passed to require faculty members, who wish to teach honors courses, to complete the “Honors College Faculty Application”, which will be reviewed by the Honors College and the Honors Program Committee for acceptance or rejection.

I accept this motion.

- B) Motion was passed to allow students who wish to convert a non-honors section of a course to an honors section with permission from the faculty member and in cooperation with that faculty member determine the additional or different work that must be completed. Students must complete an Honors College Contract Policies form (aka conversion form) and have it signed by an Honors College faculty member.

I accept this motion.

Academic Policies Committee

Motions to revise the Hardship Withdrawal Policy in the *Faculty Handbook* and the Hardship Withdrawal Form were passed (see minutes).

I accept these motions.