

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members of the Faculty Senate

**FROM:** Dr. Kyle Marrero, President



**RE:** Response to Senate Actions

**DATE:** May 21, 2014

Following is my response to the actions of the Faculty Senate as represented in the minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2014, which were approved at the Faculty Senate meeting on April 18, 2014. 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) Motion to change credit hour requirements for B.A. in History (General History) was approved.

I accept this motion.

Motion to update existing International Business Certificate Economics was approved.

I accept this motion.

- B) Motion to add GEOG 2202 and GEOG 2202L was approved.

I accept this motion.

- C) Motion to add CRIM 2275 and SOCI 4015 was approved.

I accept this motion.

Motion to add pre-baccalaureate certificate programs in Social Science Research Skills, Global and Comparative Studies, Social Diversity, and Social Services (embedded certificates) was approved.

I accept this motion.

#### Graduate Programs Committee

- A) Motion to add EDSI 9171 Program Evaluation (School Improvement) was approved.

I accept this motion.

Motion to modify M.Ed. in Special Education and Teaching was approved.

I accept this motion.

- B) Motion to add HIST 6694 and modify M.A. in History was approved.

I accept this motion.

- C) Motions to add SOCI 6003 Advanced Statistics for Sociology and to modify Ph.D. in Psychology: Consciousness and Society were approved.

I accept these motions.

Motion to add post-baccalaureate certificate in Nonprofit Management and Community Development and in Data Analysis and Evaluation Methods (stand-alone certificates) was approved.

I accept this motion.

Motion to modify M.A. in Sociology (changing “comprehensive exam” track to “applied track”) was approved.

I accept this motion.

Motion to revise the Graduate Course Load policy into three sections to create three new policies to improve clarity was approved for the first two sections, but the third section was withdrawn and sent back to the committee.

I accept this motion.

Motion was passed to add an Attendance Policy (see agenda) to the Graduate Catalog.

I accept this motion.

Motion to modify the Graduation Policy (see agenda) in the Graduate Catalog was passed.

I accept this motion.

#### Strategic Planning Committee

Motion to separate the Vision, Mission and Value Statements from the Strategic Plan was passed.

I accept this motion.

Motion to approve the Vision statement was passed.

I accept this motion.

Motion to approve the Mission and Values statements was passed.

I accept this motion.

Motion to edit Imperative #4 of the Strategic Plan (see minutes) was passed.

I accept this motion.

#### Rules Committee

Motion to approve minor editing for consistency in Sections 101 and 103 of the Faculty Handbook – Minimum Criteria for Appointment (see agenda) was passed.

I accept this motion.