The 753rd meeting of the Faculty Senate will feature a presentation/report on the course materials supply through Amazon, with an opportunity for questions; the usual opportunities for announcements and questions; and then various pieces of regular business.

**Presentation**

We will be hearing from Ruth Yanka, Executive Director of Administration and Finance Operations about the campus experience with the Amazon course materials system. She will discuss the results of the book order experience in the fall, user surveys, and anticipated developments for the spring term.

**Bylaw Changes**

This will be the third reading of the proposed changes to the bylaws. Several amendments have already been accepted for inclusion, and additional ones can be offered at this meeting. Since this is the third reading, we will be voting on the proposed set of changes as amended at this meeting.

**Reports**

The University press committee has submitted its report for academic year 2013 through 2014.

**Consent Agenda 1: Course Changes**

As always, any Senator may request that an item on a consent agenda be separated out for separate discussion and consideration. It would be helpful if anyone seeking a separate discussion notifies the Senate Office in advance it, but advanced notice is not required.

The first consent agenda deals with a total of 54 courses, 53 recommended by the Academic Matters Council and 1 by the Graduate Council. 48 of the courses are foreign language courses with the unusual feature of being offered for 1.5 credits. This reflects the mode of instruction, a combination of students working with textbooks and other materials plus a weekly meeting with a native speaker of the language, followed at the end of term by an exam. The courses will all be managed through the Five Colleges Center For World Languages, which institutionalizes a Five College initiative to facilitate instruction in a wider variety of languages than any of the member schools would be able to support on its own through a shared instructional facility.
New Business

We will then take a break from consent agendas to address an item of new business, the question of establishing a Joint Task Force on Student Success Learning Outcomes. As noted in November, this is a collaborative effort to develop a more coherent set of learning goals across the curriculum as well as to determine effective means of assessing the extent to which students acquire the knowledge and skills defined in the learning goals.

Consent Agenda 2: Program Changes

This five-item consent agenda includes recommended program changes coming from the Academic Matters and Academic Priorities Councils plus the Program and Budget Council, or the graduate Council and the Program and Budget Council depending on whether they refer to undergraduate or graduate programs.

Consent Agenda 3: nominations

This two-item consent agenda includes the nominating committee’s recommendations of new members for various Faculty Senate Councils and Committees as well as its recommendation of an additional member for the Academic Honesty Board. The nominees who are approved would begin serving in the spring semester.

Old Business

At the last meeting, the Faculty Senate inadvertently approved the wrong version of the Revisions to the B.F.A. Program in Studio Arts. Senate Document Number 16-010 reproduced a preliminary version, not the version that was actually approved by the Academic Matters and Program and Budget Councils. The correct version is given in Faculty Senate Document Number 16-010A. We need to formally adopt this version so that it can replace the erroneous version in the records of Faculty Senate meetings and the Archives of Faculty Senate Documents.

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The 753rd meeting will be the last meeting of the fall 2015 semester. The 754th meeting, the first of the spring 2016 semester, will be on January 28th.

Best wishes to all for a successful end of the semester, a Happy New Year, and a productive winter break.

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