



Faculty Council

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Monday, December 4, 2023, 1:00-3:00 PM

Chancellor's Conference Room

Third Floor, Quinn Administration Building

Agenda

I. Approval of the Agenda

II. Motion to Approve the 11/06/2023 Minutes

III. Motion from the General Education Committee (Neal Bruss, Associate Professor of English & the Chair of the General Education Committee)

Moved: That French 440, Cartography and Empire, be approved for the World Cultures distribution.

WISER Course Description: In this course, students will learn to think critically about representations of the world. We will ask: What political purposes do maps serve? How can we tease out a map's agenda from its details? Through an in-depth analysis of cartographic artifacts, students will gain a nuanced understanding of how maps were not only used as tools for navigation and territorial expansion but also as instruments of cultural representation, power, and identity. The course will progress thematically and chronologically, with a focus on the French colonial period and representations of the peoples and cultures that constituted the French colonial empire. Students will also hone their critical thinking skills by analyzing maps and other documents. In the process, they will explore the history of the Francophone world. Students will have the opportunity to write a paper suitable for the Writing Proficiency Requirement Portfolio.

General Education Capabilities: Verbal Reasoning (Critical Thinking) and Critical Reading and Analysis.

IV. Motion from the Graduate Studies Committee (Andre Maharaj, Director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Applied Behavior Analysis for Special Populations & the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee)

Motion #1 (All materials available for review on Curriculog) **From: SGISD**

Request for a new course VISN 615 Early Childhood and Visual Impairment that is required to meet state licensing requirements for Teachers of Students with Visual Impairment. This course will also impact the program of study which change will be submitted separately.

Description: This core course will explore the impact of vision loss for children in early childhood (birth to 5). An in depth understanding of how vision loss and additional disabilities impacts early development will provide a foundation of how teachers of students with visual impairments work with young children and their families, including those from diverse backgrounds, through assessment and methodology of instruction. This course will include a learning strand for those specializing in Deafblind.

Rationale: The current MEd in Vision Studies: Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments track has content on early childhood, but not to the extent needed. This course focuses solely on early childhood and visual impairments to meet the recommendations from DESE to strengthen the content for early childhood, since these teachers are licensed from birth to age 22.

V. Vote to Approve the Mixed Format of Written and Online Ballots for the Amendment of the By-laws of the UMass Boston Faculty Council

“The Faculty Council shall adopt, amend or rescind the bylaws of the Faculty Council by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting at a meeting where the proposed action has appeared on the published agenda. All votes concerning actions on the bylaws shall be by written ballot unless those present rule otherwise by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.”

VI. Final Open Discussion and Vote on the Amendment of the By-laws of the UMass Boston Faculty Council (Neal Bruss & Joel Fish, Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Revision of the Bylaws for the UMass Boston Faculty Council)

[The draft Amendment of the By-laws of the UMass Boston Faculty Council in two different formats (a two-column comparative view and a one-column version with all recommended changes adopted) is attached]

VII. Reports – maximum of 10 minutes

- a. Chancellor – Marcelo Suárez-Orozco
- b. Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs – Joseph Berger
- c. Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance – Kathleen Kirleis
- d. Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees – Sana Haroon
- e. Representative from the Faculty Staff Union – Caroline Coscia
- f. Representative from the Professional Staff Union – Michael Mahan
- g. Representative from the Classified Staff Union – Alexa MacPherson
- h. Representatives from the Graduate Employee Organization – Chidimma Ozor Commer and/or Jonathan Vega-Martinez (GEO Organizing Committee Members)
- i. Representatives from the Undergraduate Student Government – Kaushar Barejiya (President) and/or Kaley Whipkey (Vice President)
- j. Representatives from the Graduate Student Government – Delaney Bowen (President) and/or Chirag Nemani (Vice President)

VIII. New Business

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Following the wonderful tradition of the Faculty Council, the last Faculty Council (FC) meeting of the semester will be the Open Meeting. This meeting will be faculty-only (chairs welcome!) and the agenda is “open”, meaning it is determined by meeting attendees and the concerns they bring forward to discuss with the FC and its Executive Committee (EC).

The Open Meeting for Fall 2023 will take place in the Chancellor’s Conference Room (3rd floor, Quinn Administration Building) on Monday, December 11, 2023, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Please join us!