

**Faculty Assembly (FA)**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**March 23, 2016**  
**12:00-2:00pm**  
**H-129**

**Number of Faculty Attendees: 105**  
**Secretary: Mark Skowronski**

**1) President Mercer's Report**

- a. President Mercer provided a brief report on the NJ budget. There appears to be no cuts or increases to higher education funding. Ramapo has received over 7,000 applications for Fall 2016 (a new record). There were no questions from the audience for President Mercer.

**2) Provost Barnett's Report**

- a. Provost Barnett expressed her appreciation to individuals serving on Gen Ed Implementation working groups. She also expressed her appreciation to the whole faculty for its patience with the Gen Ed implementation process. Institutional Research is conducting a student-by-student analysis of data to be used for Gen Ed implementation decision making. The process of conducting a search for the ASB dean has commenced. A job description of the ASB dean position should be ready soon and recruiting will occur shortly thereafter. There were no questions for Provost Barnett.

**3) Approval of February 17, 2016-Minutes of Meeting**

- a. The minutes were approved without objections.

**4) Candidates for At-Large FAEC Representatives**

- a. An election will be held for two at-large FAEC reps. One of these seats is reserved for faculty members who were hired at least eleven years prior to the date the office will be assumed (September 1, 2016). The second seat must be held by faculty members hired less than eleven years prior to September 1, 2016. The election will be conducted by mail ballot (to be sent to all voting members of the FA).
- b. Kim Lorber (SSHS) will run for the "11 and over" at-large seat. She gave a brief presentation during February's FA meeting.
- c. Gladys Torres-Baumgarten (ASB) will run for the "under 11" at-large seat. She gave a brief presentation at today's FA meeting.

## **5) ARC Proposals – ARC Chair Thierry Rakotobe-Joel**

- a. Prof. Rakotobe-Joel announced that ARC recommends the approval of a new minor in Digital Filmmaking.
  - i. A motion was made to accept the proposed minor. The vote was conducted by electronic device (i.e., clickers). Total Votes – 103; Yes-91%; No-4%; Abstain-5%. The motion to approve the proposed minor in Digital Filmmaking was passed.
- b. Prof. Rakotobe-Joel announced that ARC recommends changing the name of the Substance Abuse minor to Substance Use Disorders.
  - i. A motion was made to accept the proposed name change. The vote was conducted by electronic device (i.e., clickers). Total Votes – 102; Yes-92%; No-5%; Abstain-3%. The motion to approve the proposed name change was passed.
- c. Prof. Rakotobe-Joel announced that ARC recommends the approval of a new MS in Accounting program.
  - i. A motion was made to accept the proposed MS in Accounting program. The vote was conducted by electronic device (i.e., clickers). Total Votes – 103; Yes-76%; No-17%; Abstain-7%. The motion to approve the proposed MS in Accounting program was passed.
- d. Prof. Rakotobe-Joel announced that ARC recommends the approval of a new CIPL credit-bearing certificate program titled “Children’s Yoga Teacher”.
  - i. A motion was made to accept the proposed certificate program. The vote was conducted by electronic device (i.e., clickers). Total Votes – 103; Yes-71%; No-17%; Abstain-13%. The motion to approve the proposed certificate program was passed.
- e. Prof. Rakotobe-Joel announced that ARC recommends the approval of two new tracks in the MSN program.
  - i. A motion was made to accept the proposed MSN program tracks. The vote was conducted by electronic device (i.e., clickers). Total Votes – 105; Yes-89%; No-9%; Abstain-3%. The motion to approve the proposed MSN program tracks was passed.

## **6) Task Force on the Class Schedule Update: Prof. Tae Kwak**

- a. Prof. Kwak discussed the new class schedule proposed by the Task Force on the Class Schedule. Details of the schedule are provided on the FA website. He indicated that students appear to support the task force’s proposed schedule more than other interim schedules.
- b. A motion was made to endorse the proposed schedule. The vote was conducted by electronic device (i.e., clickers). Total Votes – 105;

Yes-90%; No-4%; Abstain-6%. The motion to endorse the class scheduled was passed.

## **7) Gen Ed Implementation Update**

- a. The FA had an extended discussion about the process of implementing the new Gen Ed program. Prof. Rainforth clarified that the role of the GEIT Steering committee is to coordinate across the working groups. It is not a decision-making body (and course/program revisions will need to go through GECCo and ARC).
- b. Some members of the faculty are concerned that the objectives/outcomes being formulated by the working groups may be going beyond what the faculty had voted on when approving the new Gen Ed.
  - i. Prof. Rainforth stated her belief that the language in the Gen Ed report is being respected.
- c. Faculty also expressed concerns that working groups may be formulating too many outcomes per objective to be effective.
- d. Some members of the faculty would like greater flexibility to revise outcomes.
- e. Many feel that assessment concerns are disproportionately influencing the implementation process.
- f. A motion was proposed at the end of the meeting to bring the Gen Ed program back to the FA for a reauthorization. Due to a conflict with parliamentary procedures, the motion was ruled invalid.