

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

February 8, 2021 – VIRTUAL SENATE MEETING

**ZOOM LINK:** <https://udel.zoom.us/j/95356378267>

**4:00 PM**

January 25, 2021

TO: Senators and Executives

FROM: Amy Hagstrom, Vice President  
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting February 8, 2021

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, February 8 at 4:00 p.m.

The Agenda will be as follows:

## AGENDA

**I. Adoption of the Agenda**

**II. Approval of the Minutes:** [December 7, 2020](#)

**III. Remarks:** President Dennis Assanis  
Provost Robin Morgan

**IV. Announcements:** Senate President Charles Boncelet

**V. Consent Agenda:** [Curriculog login with UD credentials will be required](#)

1. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MA in Africana Studies**

2. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the Africana Studies Graduate Certificate**
3. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MS in Art Conservation**
4. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MS in Athletic Training**
5. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MBA in Business Administration**
6. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MS in Business Analytics and Information Management**
7. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD in Communication**
8. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD in Economics**
9. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MS in Economic and Applied Econometrics**
10. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles

Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the Entrepreneurship & Innovation Certificate**

11. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MS in Finance**
12. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the 4 + 1 BS/MS in Finance**
13. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MMP in Marine Policy**
14. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the Marine Studies PhD – Marine Policy Concentration**
15. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the Marine Studies MS – Oceanography Concentration**
16. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the Marine Studies MS – Physical Ocean Science and Engineering Concentration**
17. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles

Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD Marine Studies – Physical Ocean Science and Engineering Concentration**

18. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MMSE in Materials Science and Engineering**
  
19. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD in Materials Science and Engineering**
  
20. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD in Oceanography**
  
21. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD in Physics**
  
22. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MA in Political Science and International Relations**
  
23. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the PhD in Political Science and International Relations**
  
24. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education

(Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MA in Strategic Communication**

25. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the Strategic Communication Certificate**
  
26. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee on Education (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the request to **revise the MA in Urban Affairs and Public Policy**
  
27. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee for the request to **disestablish concentrations within the Exercise Science MS – Biomechanics Concentration**
  
28. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee for the request to **disestablish concentrations within the Exercise Science MS –Exercise Physiology Concentration**
  
29. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee for the request to **disestablish concentrations within the Exercise Science MS –Motor Control Concentration**
  
30. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee for the request to **disestablish concentrations within the Exercise Science MS –Sports Medicine Concentration**
  
31. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Bob Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and the Executive Committee for the request to **disestablish the Decision Analysis within the Agricultural and Resource Economics MS**

**VI. Regular Agenda:**

**A. Unfinished Business:** None

**B. New Business:**

**a. Mid-Year Senate Committee Reports:** ([attachment](#))

**C. Academic Resolutions:**

1. Recommendation from Senator John Jebb with Co-Sponsor Vicki Fedele for the revision of the Faculty Handbook Section 3.1.13 Concerning Religious Holidays ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, UD is committed to creating an educational community that is intellectually, culturally, and socially inclusive, enriched by the contribution and participation of persons from many different backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, UD is sensitive to calendars of primary sacred times for world religions, while maintaining the policy not to cancel classes on religious holidays; and

WHEREAS, awareness of religious holidays assists faculty in planning courses and in answering students' requests about absences on religious holidays; and

WHEREAS, the current Faculty Handbook features only a limited list of religious holidays – on which students may need to be absent from class to participate in observances; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of significant Muslim and Hindu holidays to those currently listed on the Academic Calendar will offer Muslim and Hindu members of the UD community both practical and symbolic support; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommend the changes to the Faculty Handbook included in [Attachment 1](#).

2. Recommendation from the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) with the concurrence of the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for a revision to the **Faculty Handbook Section 3.1.4 Examinations and Tests** ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, because the newly adopted course schedule in the Faculty Handbook section 3.1.6 has two time slots that overlap with

the current time slots for "common examinations", be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Handbook section 3.1.4 be amended so that the time slot for "common examinations" on Monday-Friday be moved to 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm as indicated in [Attachment 1](#)

3. Recommendation from the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) with the concurrence of the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for a **revision to the Faculty Handbook Section 3.1.6 – Instructional Program Policies** ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, the course schedule in the Faculty Handbook section 3.1.6 has not been updated to reflect regularly used evening time slots, and

WHEREAS, additional time slots are needed to facilitate course scheduling, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that Faculty Handbook 3.1.6 be updated ([Attachment 1](#)) to reflect those changes.

#### D. Regular Resolutions:

4. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Promotions and Tenure Committee (Chandra Reedy, Chair) with the concurrence of the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for an **addition to the Faculty Handbook section 4.4 Promotion and Tenure** ([Attachment 1](#))

WHEREAS, the Covid pandemic of 2020 through 2021 has caused unexpected and unprecedented disruptions to faculty's ability to conduct research, teaching, and service, and

WHEREAS, in August, 2020, Provost Robin Morgan formed a Task Force on Equity in Faculty Evaluations, charged with developing policies and other recommendations for consideration by the Provost and the Faculty Senate, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force made several recommendations in its report ([Task Force Report](#)); be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Handbook be revised to include a new section as per [Attachment 1](#).

**VII. Presentations:** Meg Grotti, Assistant Head of instructional Services, Morris Library, Open Educational Resources Initiative

**VIII. Introduction of New Business:**

Such items as may come before the Senate. (No motion introduced under new business, except a motion to refer to committee, shall be acted upon until the next meeting of the Senate.)