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To: Susan Jeffords, Provost
From: Portland State University Faculty Senate
(Michele Gamburd, Presiding Officer; Richard Beyler, Secretary)
Date: 6 April 2021
Re: Summary of Senate Actions

At its regular meeting on 5 April 2021 (held as an on-line conference), Faculty Senate **approved** the curricular **Consent Agenda** with the changes to programs, new courses and changes to courses, and changes to University Studies upper-division clusters listed in Attachment E.1 to the April Agenda.

Also as part of the **Consent Agenda**, Faculty Senate took notice of the elimination of the MA/MS Program in Theater Arts, as specified in Attachment E.2.

Faculty Senate furthermore **voted to approve**:

- A change to policies regarding pre-admission credits in graduate admissions, as well as elimination of the category of reserved credits for purposes of graduate admissions, as specified in Attachment E.3;
- Extending of the charge of several ad-hoc committees, as stated in Attachment E.4: AHC on Academic Program Reduction and Curricular Adjustments, through June 2022; AHC to Research Definitions of Faculty, Program, and Department in the Faculty Constitution, through December 2021; and AHC to Add Language on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to University Promotion and Tenure Guidelines, through December 2021;
- Changing the area distribution designation of several ANTH courses, listed in Attachment E.5, to the category 'Science with Lab/Fieldwork';
- Changing the minimum credits requirements for the BA and BS degrees to 23 credits, with specific area distribution requirements for the respective degrees as stated in Attachment E.6;
- Reducing the number of upper-division credits required for the BA and BS degrees to 62, as stated in Attachment E.7;
- Changing the residence credit requirement for the BA and BS degrees so that 45 of the last 75 credits, or alternatively 150 credits overall, must be completed at Portland State University, as specified in Attachment E.8;
- Aligning the area distribution of transfer courses with the area distributions used by Oregon community colleges, as specified in Attachment E.9.


A motion to insert language regarding the new non-tenure-track Teaching Professor rank series into the University's Promotion and Tenure Guidelines, stated in Attachment E10, was **amended** to strike the word "rare" from sentence 2 of paragraph 2 of the section "Assistant Teaching Professor. Further consideration of the amended motion was **postponed** until the next meeting.

As a matter of record: no motions or resolutions were considered at the **Special Meeting** held on 15 March 2021.

Best regards,



Michele Gamburd
Presiding Officer



Richard H. Beyler
Secretary to the Faculty