

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes

3/22/2018

- (1) -Coskun Cetinkaya, as chair of Academic Affairs, presented the proposal on upper division credit and residency requirements (see attachments). The Biology & Chemistry, Game Design, Nursing, Computer Science, and Cyber Security CIS programs disagree with changing these requirements to 40 credits. SUNY Poly lacks enough upper level Gen Ed courses to make this plausible. This change will be especially difficult for the many transfer students of diverse educational backgrounds. The change will likely have a negative impact on enrollment.

A vote was called on the motion, to raise the upper division credit requirement from 30 to 40, and from 12 to 15 in the major. The motion was defeated with two abstentions.

As a faculty member (not as a committee chair), Coskun then amended the motion, to raise the upper division credit requirement from 30 to 36, and this was seconded.

It was proposed and then seconded that this new motion be sent back to committee. This was voted on. 11 votes in favor, a majority opposed the tabling.

The question was called, and a vote held. 27 voted yes.

Coskun's amended motion was then voted on, and defeated with 6 abstentions.

- The second issue was then raised, implementing a 40-credit hour residency requirement (that is, 40 credits for the final degree must be taken at SUNY Poly).

A vote was called. Three yes votes. Majority against with a few abstentions, the motion was defeated.

- (2) Resolution regarding commencement (in 2019 and beyond) recommending that commencement be moved back to the Utica Auditorium. **Get additions to the resolution from Ron.** It would be considerably cheaper to hold this event at the Aud. It is argued that having campus as the venue helps forge ties with graduating students, a benefit to the institution long term. A majority supported this, with some abstentions.

(3) Provost Durgin announced that the commencement speakers would be Doug Grouse from IBM Global Foundries at Albany. The Graduate commencement speaker at Utica will be the Dean of Graduate Studies, Shadi. Jennifer O'Neil, who runs Vicarious Visions, will be the speaker at the Utica undergraduate Commencement. There will be candidates on campus in the near future for the new Dean of Business Management position.

Provost Durgin responded to some questions resulting from President Sammakia's Q&A to faculty last week. How will we deal with increased enrollment when we aren't hiring? The plan is to hire some, but we need to grow revenue to do this.

The 2+2 program is going to be moving forward in the next few weeks, with the formation of a task force to explore it.

The Provost does not know when President Sammakia is leaving, nor what will happen after he does in terms of hiring a new president.

The Personnel Committee is examining the petition sent to FA by the Provost (the resolution and petition from students requesting evaluations of all professors and courses).

Respectfully submitted,

Adam McLain, Secretary