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Office of the Faculty Senate

TO: FACULTY SENATE
FROM: STEPHEN W. MCKNIGHT, SECRETARY, FACULTY SENATE
RE: MINUTES, 2009-10 FACULTY SENATE, 24 FEBRUARY 2010

Present: (Professors) Alshawbkeh, Alverson, Board, Chilvers, Daynard, De Ritis, Gaffney, Gatley, Goodale, Hafner, Herman, Kruger, Lifter, McKnight, Mierelles, Morrison, Podlaha-Murphy, Portz, Price, Ross, T. Sherman, Sherwood, Thrush, Young

(Administrators) Director, Falcon, Luzzi, Moore, Powers-Lee, Ronkin, Spieler

Absent (Professors) Born, Karma, Mourant, Muftu, Rosengaus, D. Sherman,

(Administrators) Finkelstein, Loeffelholz, Zoloth

Provost Director convened the meeting at 11:51 AM

- I. The minutes of 27 January were approved as written.
- II. Professor Morrison reported that SAC had met three times in regular session since the last Senate meeting. The following resolutions were returned as noted:

0910-08 Elimination of summer activities hour: approved by the Provost 2/4/10; BOT approval not required.

0910-07 Name change to School of Criminology and Criminal Justice: approved by the Provost 2/4/10; BOT approval not required.

A new concentration in Physical Activity and Public Health is added to the to-be-named Exercise Science Program in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences.

- III. Provost Director announced that the recently circulated memorandum concerning the restructuring of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Criminal Justice would be the last. Most issues have been resolved. The dean searches are proceeding well and there is a good pool of candidates for all the positions.
- IV. Professor Daynard moved the following and it was seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate approves the LL.M. Degree Program in the College of Law as approved by the Graduate Council (7-0-0 on 15 January 2010).

Dean Spieler reported that NU has been the only law school in Massachusetts not offering this program. The LL. M. Degree follows the first law degree and is a one-year program primarily to train foreign lawyers in the broader topics of American law. It includes a co-op externship in the second or third quarter as well as participation in existing JD courses and a capstone course in the final quarter. The introductory portion could be offered offsite in the future upon negotiation of partnerships with other institutions in order to create feeder schools. Applicants must have graduated from an accredited law school and have proficiency in English. Dean Spieler envisions ten students at the outset (fall of 2011) and reported that there is no negative effect on current programs. The School is developing an assessment process.

In response to questions, the Dean reported that the Law School is working with various state governing bodies to ensure that students are able to sit for the bar in those states. One reason that the program will draw students is that foreign firms are hiring fewer US lawyers.

VOTE to approve the proposed LL.M. degree program in the College of Law: PASSED, 29-0-0.

V. Professor Kruger read the following and it was seconded.

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate approves the name change for the M.S. in Clinical Exercise Physiology to the M.S. in Exercise Science in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences as approved by the Graduate Council (7-0-0 on 15 January 2010)

Professor Gillespie was recognized and reported that a non-clinical concentration was recently developed in Clinical Exercise Physiology and the name change reflects a more generic umbrella to encompass both the clinical and non-clinical programs now offered.

VOTE to approve a name change to M.S. in Exercise Science: PASSED, 28-0-0.

The Senate adjourned at 12:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W. McKnight, Secretary
Faculty Senate