

Minutes of the Autumnal Semestrial Meeting of the Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences

9 December 2004 - 3:45 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Regency A - City Union

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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The Fall meeting of the College of Arts & Sciences faculty was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Dean Richard Hoffmann.

The minutes of the faculty meeting of 15 April 2004 were approved as the first item of business.

In opening comments, the Dean reappointed Professor Ambrosius as parliamentarian, and Professor Rinkevich was reelected recording secretary, with one (1) dissenting vote.

Professor Thomas Marley, Chair of the College Curriculum Committee, led the body through items 3 to 9, all curricular matters, which were all passed unanimously. Item 8, change 5, "Any ES courses that have not been taught in three academic years will be administratively removed from the ES lists," was amended to read, "Any ES courses that have not been taught in five academic years will be administratively removed from the ES lists" with one (1) dissenting vote; and further amended, adding the stipulation that the relevant department be notified of upcoming removal of course(s) from the Essential Studies list in the fourth year, with one (1) dissenting vote. So amended, Item 8 was approved.

In considering Item 9, several amendments were offered. Item 9, change #3, was amended to delete a parenthesis about IS criteria and to delete a parenthesis about types of student writing. Change #7 of the same Item, "No course taught as a readings course will receive IS credit," was also deleted through amendment. Item 9, as amended, was approved.

For item 10, the Dean entertained questions and comments. Professor Harbison introduced discussion regarding the Integrative Studies program, and then moved, seconded by Professor White, that the Dean conduct a mail ballot to poll the faculty whether alternatives to the current Integrative Studies program exist which accomplish its laudable goals without the problem of two parallel lists for general education; and, if not, then to revert to the changes to Integrative Studies addressed by item 9 just approved (see above). This motion was approved.

Dean Hoffmann mentioned that Sr. Vice Chancellor Couture is interested in improving our general education program, and also that A&S should take the lead in such improvements. He concluded by saying that other comments were welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Thomas E. Rinkevich, Recording Sec'y

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