

College of Arts and Sciences
Faculty Meeting Minutes 12/4/08

Dean Manderscheid called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm

Item I. Approval of minutes from Spring faculty meeting, 4/16/08.

Item II. Lloyd Ambrosius appointed parliamentarian.

Item III. Amy Goodburn elected secretary for the meeting.

Greg Snow, chair of the curriculum committee, took the podium for Items IV-VI and presented the faculty with an update on the ACE process. The College Curriculum Committee has been working all semester to approve ACE proposals. Of the 247 currently certified by the I-ACE committee, 134 are from the College of A&S. I-ACE will be meeting weekly in January and February to continue processing proposals.

Item IV. Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to approve minor re-structuring of the minor in Humanities in Medicine. Ed Schmidt proposed a friendly amendment to change the word “related” to “elective” in the list of courses to make it less confusing. Motion passed with voice vote.

Item V. Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to revise language regarding correspondence courses. Motion passed with voice vote.

Item VI. Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to approve proposed change in policy on Inter-college Studies. Motion passed with voice vote. One abstention.

Associate Dean Jessica Coope took the podium for item VII.

Item VII. Recommendation from the College Executive Committee to approve proposed changes to the College Bylaws, Section IX (pp. 9-12). Lloyd Ambrosius noted that the College Bylaws would need to be renumbered in the affected sections. Motion passed with voice vote.

Item VIII. Opportunity to ask questions of the Dean

Lloyd Ambrosius asked about the implications of the recent messages from Chancellor Perlman and President Milliken regarding the future budget. Dean Manderscheid noted that UNL won't know what the budget will be until June. The College is developing strategies to prioritize programs, reviewing all hires authorized this year, and reviewing the temporary instruction budget. He noted that Nebraska is better off than most states but we need to be strategic about which programs to improve and support given the budget climate.

Adjourned at 4:20 pm