

Minutes of the Autumnal Semestrial Meeting of the Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences
8 December 2005 - 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 3:43 p.m. by Dean Richard Hoffmann.

The minutes of the faculty meeting of 13 April 2005 were approved in the first item of business.

In Opening Comments, the second item of business, Professor Lloyd Ambrosius (History) accepted reappointment as Parliamentarian.

In the third item of the agenda, discussion ensued regarding Appendix 3, 1. College Policy on Student Evaluation of Teaching Performance, 5. Faculty "Fairness and respect" and 6. Student "fairly and respectfully". Suspicions were allayed, as the language had been in effect already, and the recommendation on faculty evaluation was approved by the Body.

Items 4, 5, 6 (recommendations by the College Curriculum Committee for Essential Studies courses, Integrative Studies courses, and a new minor) were approved by the Body.

Item 7 (College Curriculum Committee recommendations regarding Individualized Program of Studies major and minor requirements) was approved with a motion (seconded and approved) to clarify the wording by adding "or designee" to the procedure for securing proposal approval.

Item 8 (College Curriculum Committee recommendation regarding major and minor requirements in Computer Science and Engineering) was approved.

Item 9 entertained questions from the Body for the Dean to address. At the same time Dean Hoffmann announced that the Semester at Sea program was not likely to come to UNL, as this Institution was no longer in the running. Also, the General Education Committee is currently meeting on campus regarding the four University objectives, and outcomes that need to be established. There is a draft on the WEB, and Arts and Sciences will be heavily involved. The Dean reported that an objective is to minimize demand for new resources.

Dean Hoffmann indicated that there would be an update on enrollment in mid-November. He also mentioned the trend of the decline in enrollment for all universities, especially in Colleges of Arts and Sciences. Further, Colleges of Business, Journalism, and Engineering are growing. There will be a need to look at recent data about what courses (last ten years) were taken at Southeast Community College.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Rinkevich, Recording Sec'y