

College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Meeting
Thursday, December 7, 2006
City Union Auditorium

Minutes

Dean Richard Hoffmann Presiding.

Item I. Minutes from the Spring Faculty Meeting on April 13, 2006 approved

Item II. Lloyd Ambrosius reappointed to serve as Parliamentarian. Vanessa Gorman elected to Serve as Secretary (Sidnie Crawford nominated and David Watkins seconded).

Items II and IV. Approval of ES and IS courses. Approved without discussion.

Items V-X. Changes to majors and minors within the college. Approved without discussion.

Item XI. Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to approve the Proposals for General Education at UNL: Institutional Objectives, Learning Outcomes, and Structural Criteria (proposals 1 and 2).

Lengthy Debate including the following principal concerns:

- People are uncomfortable approving outcomes without a governance document.
- New plans removed from its intellectual content two crucial areas: historical studies is omitted, and writing is limited to only one course
- We need to control curriculum within the college, and not let outside colleges or a board in which we have minimal representation make curricular decisions for us.
- Many courses will be lost if we grandfather courses currently approved by all colleges. Also, grandfathering will not work, since ES courses do not involve skills and IS courses are not divided by discipline.

Responses

- What we are really talking about is setting a minimal offerings for other colleges, because we can add to the A&S requirements as we wish.
- This proposal is in no way binding until the governance and assessment documents are agreed upon.
- It is an accreditation requirement to have outcomes-based education.
- Suggestion to approve but attach provisos.

Call the question. Carried

Vote: measure passed 28 to 22.

New proposal: Let the dean appoint an ad hoc committee to draw up provisos to be added to these documents and voted on by e-ballot. [Ledder, seconded by Winter]

Friendly amendment: let it be voted on at a meeting early in the spring, where we can discuss and amend as we see fit. [V. Gorman. Accepted by Ledder as a friendly amendment]

Friendly Amendment: a meeting before Feb. 1 would be most helpful to the committee [Janovy, accepted by Ledder as a friendly amendment]

Amendment: we should go through department and college curriculum committees. [T. Pardy] Not accepted as a friendly amendment. [Ledder] Died for lack of second.

Call the question. Carried.

Motion as amended: Let the dean appoint an ad hoc committee to draw up provisos to be added to these documents and voted on at another college meeting before the 1st of February, 2007.

Motion approved unanimously.

Item XII. Opportunity to ask questions of the Dean. No discussion.

Meeting adjourned 4:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Vanessa Gorman