

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Meeting
Minutes
12/13/2007

Dean Manderscheid called the meeting to order at 3:31.

Item I. Approval of minutes from Spring Faculty Meeting, 4/17/07. W. W. Dixon moved; J. Walker seconded. Approved by a show of hands.

Item II. Lloyd Ambrosius (History) agreed to continue to serve as parliamentarian.

Greg Snow, chair of the College Curriculum Committee took over the podium for Items II-VIII

Item III. Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to approve Essential Studies courses, as listed. Seconded by G. Ledder. Approved by a show of hands.

Item IV. Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to approve Integrated Studies courses, as listed. Seconded by S. Lavin. Approved by a show of hands.

Item V. Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to approve proposed changes to the policy regarding minors from other colleges. Seconded by G. Ledder. Approved by a show of hands.

Item VI. Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to approve proposed minor in Criminal Justice. Seconded by A. Goodburn. Approved by a show of hands.

Item VII. Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to approve proposed changes to the major in Film Studies. Seconded by J. Coope. Discussion: need to correct title of the department from "Classics" to "Classics and Religious Studies." Approved by a show of hands.

Item VIII. Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to approve proposed changes to the major and minor in Women's and Gender Studies. Seconded by S. Crawford. Discussion: editorial change of "depends on instructor" to "depends on topic" on page 13. Approved by a show of hands.

Item IX. Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to approve ACE proposals on general education. Snow read a brief statement from the College curriculum committee endorsing the ACE proposals, and stressed the ability of colleges to add courses. A. Goodburn offered a brief history of the process, beginning Spring 2003.

Dean Manderscheid resumed chairing.

The proposal was seconded by W. W. Dixon. A lengthy discussion ensued. The major points were:

- Clarifications of the proposals [A. Steinweis, J. Janovy, G. Ledder]
- Disappointment that the ACE does not fulfill a philosophy of education based on breadth and need for writing [S. Crawford]
- Procedural question: when in the process will the College faculty vote on these courses, as required in our bylaws and as our practice has been? [R. Gorman]

- Reiteration that we can expand the requirements at the college level [G. Ledder, J. Wunder, G. Snow]
 - Concern that adding a number of College requirements will create the same transfer problems as before [K. Bloom, J. Lewis]
 - Reminder that, until we change them, but College requirements remain the same [A. Casullo]
 - Reminder that departments train their majors [D. Hoyt]
- Objection to the requirement for only one writing course, when the current system has 12 and we as a college requested five and were ignored [V. Gorman]
- Concern over the amount of work involved with the assessment of classes, as well as the financial implications [S. Lawrence, R. Lee, J. Lewis, J. Harkness].
 - Response that it really is not onerous [J. Janovy, G. Ledder, J. Ritchie, D. Minter, A. Montes]
 - The Dean's office will stand as an advocate for us [D. Manderscheid]
 - Assessment is unavoidable, a part of the accreditation process [G. Woodward, L. Ambrosius]
- Concern over the legality of collecting student work [C. Sanchez, C. Gallagher].
 - Response that it has been approved by University Council [J. Janovy]
- Concern over oversight for adjuncts as well as tenure line faculty [S. Lahey]
- Concerned that there is no workable model in place for assessment [J. Schleck]. The Dean's office can coordinate the sharing of procedures, policies, and good practices [D. Hansen]

Call the question. Approved by show of hands.

Vote: FOR 59
 AGAINST 18
 ABSTAIN 2

Motion Passed.

Item X. Discussion on proposed changes to the College By-laws.

- Why are lecturers omitted? [R. Gorman]
- Problem in V.Sect. 1A, ends with an ungrammatical sentence [L. Ambrosius]
- Correct title of the department from “Classics” to “Classics and Religious Studies.” [R. Gorman]

Item XI. Discussion on proposed changes to the distinction process for the College. Explained by Assoc. Dean A. Goodburn. Clarification: GPA cut offs are with thesis [V. Gorman].

Departments can keep thesis committees if they choose to [G. Snow]. Departments need to continue to have some oversight, adding additional requirements as is reasonable [M. Olds].

Item XII. Questions for the Dean. None.

Meeting adjourned: 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Vanessa B. Gorman
 College Secretary