

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Meeting
Minutes
4/16/2008

Dean Manderscheid called the meeting to order at 3:46.

Item I. Approval of minutes from Special Faculty Meeting, 1/28/08. W. W. Dixon moved; S. Crawford seconded. Approved unanimously

Item II. Brief welcome from Dean Manderscheid.

Item III. Opportunity for faculty to ask questions arising from annual reports of the various college committees. No questions.

Greg Snow, chair of the College Curriculum Committee, took over the podium for Items IV-VI.

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

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

Item VI . Recommendation from the College Curriculum Committee to approve the new college distribution requirements.

- Background given by G. Snow. Now same requirements for BA and BS. No lists of courses, but rather home departments are assigned to categories. Opened for discussion.
- Discussion of how to handle cross-listed courses [D. Leger].
- Why do Social Sciences only have 3 credit hours? [P. Bleed] Mainly to reduce overall distribution credit requirements [Snow, Ledder]. Review of ACE categories that include Social Sciences [van Roojen, Ledder]. We need more Social Science [Bleed]. The clever student can side-step the requirement [Snow].
- The ACE and college requirements actually require more courses, eating into available elective credits [G. Woodward]. We really aren't sure, since we don't know how ACE will play out across majors and minors [A. Goodburn, Snow].
- Concern about the loss of human diversity requirement [A. Steinweis]. It was a response to pressure to restrict general education credit hours [Ledder]. Why not an additional requirement with a list of courses? [R. Gorman] It would complicate matters [Goodburn, Ledder]. Pedagogy more important than convenience [Steinweis]. Not just Humanities courses are involved [Seiler, Woodward]. Are we going to ask 3 of the 9 cr. of Humanities and Social Science do double-duty rather than add a new requirement? [V. Gorman] Better to infuse diversity throughout the curriculum [Goodburn]. Levels of diversity in a course are important [Steinweis].

- Friendly Amendment: “Greek” in Section 5 should read “Classical Greek.” [V. Gorman].
- We asked the ACE committee to add 5 writing courses, and they did not, saying we could do it at the college level. Yet we are not in this document. We need more writing requirements [V. Gorman]. Better to leave that to majors [J. Osterman]. Majors won’t do it if it is not required [V. Gorman]. See ACE Outcome 1 as an opportunity [Snow]. IS as stands is dysfunctional and administratively difficult. Top down requirements don’t work [C. Gallagher] . When I was a student here, I did not do much writing and it hurt me in grad school [R. Gorman].
- Brief discussion of the upcoming separation of Geography and Anthropology [Woodward; Manderscheid]
- Back to Social Science requirement: if your major is in a Social Science, there is no need to take any other [J. Kellas]. But changing majors quickly run out of electives, so we need to reduce general education requirements [Ledder].
- Good to have same requirements for BA/BS [Snow]. Why? [Bleed] Unify college [Crawford]. BS students have, in their major requirements, an extended gen. ed. [Ledder, Woodward]. Why not also a BA core of classes? [A. Burnett, Ledder] Our goal is flexibility [Goodburn]. Not the motion before us [J. Coope].
- Friendly Amendment: Section 2, 2nd sentence is ungrammatical and needs to be fixed [R. Gorman].
- Not ready to vote on this motion. [Bleed]
 - **MOTION:** *Refer the motion back to the committee for further revision.* Moved by Bleed. Seconded by Ledder. Discussion:
 - Discussion of college timetable and meetings [Coope, Ledder, Manderscheid, S. Lahey].
 - It would further complicate implementation of ACE [D. Minter, Snow]. Why should we be pressured by the university to hasten action? [R.Gorman] We can emend later [Ledder]. We are not talking about tweaking, but fixing fundamental problems [V. Gorman].
 - CALL THE QUESTION [Crawford, seconded by Coope]. Passed overwhelmingly.
 - VOTE
 - AYE: 12
 - NAY: 20
 - *Motion to refer defeated.*
- Call the question on the main motion [Crawford, 2nd by Ledder]. Passed overwhelmingly.
 - VOTE
 - AYE: 22
 - NAY: 8
 - *Motion is approved.*

Item VII: Opportunity to ask questions of the dean. Manderscheid: clearly we have many concerns to address, and the College Curriculum Committee will spend time on them in the fall.

Meeting adjourned: 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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