

Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Thursday, October 15, 2009
Science 102

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. and roll was taken. Absent senators: Bengtson, Hildreth, Hurty, Olsen, Quinn, Geedey, Wegman-Geedey, Al-wazedi, Cleveland, Warren. Excused: Bertsche, Bonzon, Magalhães, Day, Hough, Simonsen, Todd.
2. The minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting were approved. (Moved by McDowell; second Jensen.)
3. Motions and Reports:
Consent agenda already passed:

New Course LSFY 103: Music in Film, 3 cr. [Davies]
New Course POLS 390: Research Practicum, 1 cr. [Magalhães]
New Course ARBC 100: Classical and Qur'anic Arabic, 3 cr. [Zargar]
LP and Suffix WGST 380: Women's Writing in Latin America [PL, G], 3 cr. [Vázquez]

Senate Chair Crowe apologized for not including two items on the consent agenda before the deadline, but those now come before the Senate. The Educational Policies Committee (EPC,) represented by Vincent, moved approval of:

New Course LSFY 102: From Christianity to Colonialism: African Cultures Under Siege. 3 cr. [Cleveland]
LP and Suffix HIST 147: History of African Women [PP, G], 3 cr. [Cleveland]
Motion carried.

Vincent noted he is meeting weekly with Margaret Farrar, Liesl Fowler, Kristin Douglas, and Dave Crowe about the application process for new courses, learning perspectives, etc. The new AGES website (at www.augustana.edu, choose Academics, then Augustana General Education Studies) explains all of the processes and deadlines for proposing courses, learning perspectives, etc.

It was noted that the deadline is Nov. 30, 2009 for proposing Spring 2010 LSFY103 courses; Jan. 24, 2010 for Spring 2010 non-LSFY courses (inclusion on WebAdvisor); Mar. 28, 2010 for Fall 2010 (inclusion on WebAdvisor).

The Senate Steering Committee moved a revision of the consent agenda procedures, as follows: The consent agenda will be posted on Public Folders by noon on the Thursday preceding a regularly-scheduled Senate meeting and each Senator will have until 5:00 PM on Saturday to review the consent agenda and notify the Senate Chair of his or her objection to inclusion of an item on the consent agenda. Motion carried.

The Nomination and Rules committee, represented by Varallo, moved to fill a vacancy on

the General Education Committee by selecting Bengtson to serve the remainder of Kramer's term. Motion carried.

Nominations and Rules also presented two motions, to be considered as a package, to modify the membership of EPC:

Motion 1: Modify the membership description to change the Dean's position from Chair to ex officio, add the Chair of the General Education Committee as an ex officio member, and specify the non-voting status of ex officio members.

Motion 2: Add a description of the procedure for electing the committee chair, as follows: The chair of the committee must be a tenured faculty member with voting rights, elected by the voting members of the committee. The term of office will be one year, renewable. No faculty member elected to the Educational Policies Committee may serve simultaneously as: Division Chair; Faculty Senate Chair; Member of the General Education Committee. Motions carried.

4. Announcements:

Academic Affairs, represented by Fowler, announced that registration is wrapping up. The usual letter regarding the master schedule will be delayed until about December 1 to see how Learning Communities are going and so forth. If faculty know of students who are working on interdisciplinary Senior Inquiry projects, please inform Haak or Fowler.

5. Reports:

Before hearing from the Curricular Study Task Force, Crowe clarified that the charge to task force includes a request for a recommendation at the end of their work. Goebel reported that the taskforce plans to meet weekly. Abernathy, Klien, Farrar and Douglas will speak at successive meetings. Open meetings will be held during Winter term. It is early in the process—they have had only two meetings—but the group is collegial and Christoffel brought a chocolate bundt cake to one of the meetings! Bertsch will join the group when he returns from Latin America.

Douglas announced a forum on "Evergreen II," a process of rethinking the learning community model. A proposal will be circulated within the next week. Two opportunities for discussion will be offered: the October 23rd Friday Conversation (4 p.m., Wilson Center) and the October 29th faculty forum (11:30 a.m., Olin Auditorium.)

Crowe reported on the October Board of Trustees meeting. He noted that the Board is "in sync" with the President's plan. They are bullish on the future of the college. During the Academic Affairs committee meeting there was a lively debate on new majors; the committee was not objecting but aware and interested, asking the same questions the faculty would ask. They have a trusting attitude about our work. There was approval for the use of \$5 million for repair of Old Main; scaffolding will be up in the spring and architects are being hired for interior renovation.

The Board also approved the promotion of five librarians to assistant professor: **Connie Ghinazzi, Jamie Nelson, Margi Rogal, Mary Tatro and Carla Tracy.**

Tracy announced that the Celebration of Faculty Scholarship and Teaching will be this Friday, October 16th. Delaney will speak on ethics instruction. A record 145 publications, presentations and performances will be highlighted.

Chuck Hyser suggested that the location of all division meetings on October 29th be changed to the Olin Building so that faculty will be encouraged to go to the auditorium for the faculty forum immediately following. Abernathy said that his office would check into that.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. by popular acclaim.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Tracy, Secretary

(with input from co-secretary, Lisa Seidlitz, and from Mary Koski, Academic Affairs)

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