

Minutes
Faculty Senate
Thursday, December 4, 2008
11:30 a.m. in Science 102
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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call**—excused: Hyser, Schroeder, Baugous, Simonsen, Earel
Absent: Hill, Ma, Corts, Van Howe.
- II. Approval of the Minutes from the October 23, 2008 Faculty Senate Meeting**
The minutes were approved as is.

III. Motions & Reports

A. Educational Policies Committee

1. Consent Agenda

- a) Learning Perspectives PH Approval – MJMC 213: News Literacy
- b) Learning Perspectives PS Approval – SPCM 322/MJMC 322: Communication Theory
III: Media and Social Influence
- c) Learning Perspectives PL Approval – SPAN 345: Topics in Peninsular Spanish
Literature
- d) LSFY 103 Conversions/New Courses
 - (1) Conversion from LS 112: The Postmodern World of Harry Potter (Priggie)
 - (2) New Course: Risk and Rationality: Decision Making in a Diverse and
Changing World (Parvin)
 - (3) New Course: Borderlands, Bordercrossers (Todd)
 - (4) New Course: Self, Community, and Identity in Multi-Ethnic America
(Al-wazedi)
- e) New Course Requests
 - (1) ISS 200: Cultural Realities: Living in the Quad Cities
 - (2) PSYCH 346: Empirical Psychology [for a Q]
 - (3) BIOL 327: Natural History of Ireland [for a PN]
- f) Suffix Request
 - (1) ENGL 441: Senior Seminar: Works of Richard Wright [for a D]
- g) 2008-2009 Summer Session Schedule

2. Regular Business

- a) Accounting Department Curriculum Revisions Approval
This came from EPC as a motion. No discussion. Motion approved.
 - (1) Renumbered Course Approvals
 - (i) ACCT 203 change to ACCT 312 (Cost Accounting)
 - (ii) ACCT 411 change to ACCT 313 (Auditing)
 - (iii) ACCT 421 change to ACCT 314 (Tax Accounting)
 - (iv) ACCT 301 change to ACCT 321 (Intermediate Accounting I)
 - (v) ACCT 302 change to ACCT 322 (Intermediate Accounting II)
 - (vi) ACCT 303 change to ACCT 323 (Intermediate Accounting III)
 - (2) New Course Approvals
 - (i) ACCT 441 – FARS and Accounting Research
 - (ii) ACCT 442 – Ethics Seminar
 - (iii) ACCT 443 – Accounting Seminar/Student Inquiry Seminar
 - (iv) ACCT 451 – Fraud Investigation

- (v) ACCT 452 – Government and Non-Profit Accounting
- (vi) ACCT 453 – Corporate Accounting Issues
- (vii) ACCT 456 – Advanced Tax

b) History Department Major Proposal Request

This was brought to senate by Dean Abernathy. Dehnel asked about 300 level courses...they will have prerequisites. How will a Gen Ed student take classes? Page 10 was pointed out by Ellis. Also people in the department will give waivers to students, so the department feels it will work. Van Symons said that he will not have a pre-req for his 300 level China classes. Latin American program, Asian Studies and African American program will waive the pre-reqs.

Ellis proposed an addition on page three, first bullet point—“taken in sophomore, junior or senior year.” His motion was seconded by Van Symons. The amendment carried. The motion also carried.

- (1) New Course: HIST 200: Gateway: Introduction to Historical Research
- (2) New Course: HIST 481: Senior Inquiry: Research Methods
- (3) New Course: HIST 482: Senior Inquiry: Research Tutorial
- (4) New Course: HIST 490: Senior Inquiry: History Teaching and Learning

c) Environmental Studies Major Proposal and Revised Environmental Studies Minor

This proposal came from the Environmental Studies Committee. Motion carried. Abernathy thanked Bo Dziadyk and Norm Moline for work on this major.

d) Senior Inquiry Proposal – Political Science Department

- (1) New Course: POLS 375: Special Topics in Political Science

There was no discussion and the motion carried.

e) Contract Major: Ethnobotany.

Abernathy reported that MacDonald is doing this.

f) SPCM 206 for variable credit

g) Religious Holiday Policy

h) HIST 375: West Africa, Past and Present

Abernathy offered f, g, and h as one motion. He was asked if this religious holiday policy is new. There would be a calendar created. Priggie said that it would not necessarily be restricted to holidays listed on the calendar. In Islam for example there is not agreement as to when Ramadan begins and ends so the college is asking faculty to be flexible. Dehnel asked for clarification about the motion—if senate was being asked to approve this. He wondered if this policy was senate business. Tallitsch asked what the college will do with satanic holidays or wikkon holidays. Abernathy said that by this policy, we would grant them. Priggie said that for a student to show the initiative to come to a faculty member would indicate their belief. If the course requirement is that they are in class for discussion, what do we do? Abernathy indicated that this type of absence would be similar to when athletes miss class. Greene asked about adding clarity to the fact that the student needs to tell the teacher in advance. Coussens pointed out that the language about PRIOR is in bold. Jensen asked if it will be in the student handbook. Abernathy said yes, eventually. Jensen said he thought that this should come before the entire

faculty. Jensen made a motion that item G go to full faculty. Scott seconded it. Jensen explained that he felt all faculty should have a chance to look at this and become aware of it before it is policy. During discussion, Bengston questioned if we need to send this to full faculty in order for them to be aware of it. Clauss pointed out that more faculty are in senate than at most faculty meetings. McDowell didn't see that this would be a controversial topic. Klien said that the calendar will be limited and discriminatory if we say that your religion isn't officially sanctioned. Kivisto asked Jensen if he thought the faculty needs to be informed or to make the decision. Jensen said both. Bengston said we already privilege certain dates in our calendar—Good Friday for instance. It seems this is the least we ought to do and we should pass this today now.

Jakielski—question is whether this policy should go to a full faculty meeting. The motion failed. So the policy will be handled by the senate.

Hough asked if there is room for faculty discretion of absences. Is there an understanding that there is no penalty for missing class? Abernathy said that athletics and illness are a similar circumstance.

Symons noted that the third paragraph seems to indicate that faculty don't have much say.

Dehnel said it seems that we are committed to paragraph two, not to give any academic penalty and the "musts" in the 3rd paragraph tell the students what they need to do.

Greene suggested that given how many people are confused, we should send this back to committee for clarification. Abernathy asked for specific instructions then. Horowitz said it seemed the purpose of this being a bit vague allows the faculty a range of possibilities. Rogal reminded the senate that some Muslim holidays are not determined well in advance. Students do not have to ask for Christmas or Easter off. We need a policy. How can we make it more specific? Mahn suggested the campus ministries office be the place to validate the information. Klien—that move is parallel to sickness going through the dean of student's office and so that seems appropriate. Fen called the question. The motion for Religious Holiday Policy passed.

i)CSD 100: Human Condition

j) Evergreen Proposal was brought as a motion. Klien asked if these guidelines that will be approved are in the new LC application and Vincent asked if funding schemes were included. Abernathy said he had committed \$1000 per individual for one year. The motion was approved.

Items: f, h and i—these three courses were approved.

B. Academic Affairs Council—Abernathy announced that he has cut 365, 000 dollars from programs—primarily in administration, shielding academic areas. Some of the fellowships will disappear. He will continue to talk to department chairs and seek their guidance about further cuts. Chairs have divisional budget and he will also share the goods and services budget...at the divisional level, not the departmental level.

Admissions efforts are critical for next year. We are running ahead for applications, but other colleges are as well. We will need to have great events for incoming 18 year olds. This is a challenging environment to liberal arts colleges. One word on faculty hiring—despite the 1.5% cut and delaying building projects, we are continuing faculty hires, using the contingency funds created by President Bahls. We have committed to thirteen hires...biology, psychology, multi media journalism, religion and education. There is a faculty hiring website created by Snowball.

IV. Other Business

A. Van Symons reporting on the Friestat Center. Friestat Chair, replacing Winship. He had a printed report that showed grant opportunities for research and travel and presenting papers. Council consists of: Kaul, Magalhães, Salgado, Tawiah-Boateng, and Bloser are all working with areas of the Center. Many of the new initiatives on campus do some of the things that Friestat used to do. To avoid duplication or redundancy, they will focus on peace studies and international studies. Hope to have nine programs—three on curricular development, three on faculty development and three on student development. This will show up on Mike Green’s website for faculty research opportunities. This spring and summer we will give out \$10,000 to support students who are engaged in intensive language experiences, rather than cultural experiences. There will be two grants for faculty who want to research in any of these areas.

B. Comments regarding senators who are habitually absent. Steering committee had anonymous feedback concern about senators who are habitually absent. We could generate a report since attendance is in the minutes. We didn’t see a large problem this year. If you want a report, you can make a motion to do so. Last year we started our new policy of allowing people to remove themselves from the ballot prior to voting if they felt they couldn’t commit to attending senate meetings.

C. Updated Contract Major Guidelines and Checklist: Administrative Edits. Mike Green said there is a new site on Moodle for guidelines and forms.

1. Contract Major SI Project Approval Form: to be filled out and submitted to the Office of the Registrar at the time of the approval

2. CTRK-400: the specific course that students will take for the Contract Major SI project

D. Joe McDowell reporting on the 11/20 Faculty Forum on AGES — follow-up and next steps

E. Forum topics for the remaining academic year

1. Faculty Governance: Divisional Structure

2. Faculty Governance: Committee Structure

3. Faculty Governance: Nature of Faculty Senate



Late Winter/Spring

V. Announcements

A. Recruiting Workshop on Tuesday, December 16, 3:30-5:00, Board room. We encourage you to go to this important workshop.

B. Next Steering Meeting: Monday, December 15, 1:00-2:15

C. Next Senate Meeting: Thursday, January 15, 11:30-12:20

VI. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12: 24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Hanson

Kristin Douglas

Senate co-secretaries 2008/2009