

Augustana College

Rock Island, IL

**REVISED MINUTES  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
April 3, 2014  
Hanson Hall of Science 102  
10:30 AM**

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate chair, Wendy Hilton-Morrow. Roll call was taken by Brian Katz.

**Members unable to attend:** Dave Crowe, Dan Culver, Kelly Daniels, Kevin Geedey, Laura Greene, Steve Hager, Jon Hurty, Paul Olsen, Jason Peters, Heidi Storl, Mark Vincent, Fred Whiteside

**Members excused:** Tim Bloser, Deb Bracke, Jenny Burnham, Jeff Coussens, Anne Earel, Nathan Frank, Cathy Goebel, Mariano Magalhães, Chris Marmé, Kimberly Murphy, Mike Schroeder, Jessica Schultz, Jane Simonsen

2. **Approval of Senate Meeting Minutes**

**“To approve the minutes from the March 20, 2014 Faculty Senate meeting.”**

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Motion – EPC**

**“To approve the following:**

- **Learning Community: Teens and Themes: Patterns in Adolescent Literature and Lives**  
ENGL 332: Adolescent Literature [Hanson]  
PSYC 214: Adolescent Psychology [Rose]
- **Learning Community: Understanding China: Politics and Economics Approaches**  
POLS 318: China in World Affairs [Zhang]  
ECON 365: Chinese Economy [Zhou]
- **G Suffix Approval: ASIA 200: Gateway: Introduction to Asian Studies [G] [Al-wazedi] 3 cr.**
- **Geology Major/Minor Revision: Addition of GEOG 306: Soil Science**
- **New Course: ECON 365: Chinese Economy [Zhou]**
- **New Course and LP: GRMN/SCAN 316 [PL]: Class, Gender and Sexuality in Naturalist Literature [Horrell] 3 cr.**
- **New Course: SCAN 212: Intermediate Swedish: Masterpieces of Swedish Literature [Mier-Cruz] 3 cr.**
- **New Course: LSC 300: Transfer Traditions I [Laff] 1 cr.**
- **New Course: LSC 301: Transfer Traditions II [Laff] 1 cr.**
- **New Course and LP: ENGL 125B [PL]: Literature and Business [Crimmins] 3 cr.**
- **New Course and LP: ENGL 125F [PL]: Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature [S. McDowell] 3 cr.**
- **New Course and LP: ENGL 125M [PH]: Literature and Medicine [Crowe] 3 cr.**
- **New Course and LP: ENGL 240 [PL]: Biblical and Classical Allusions in Literature [Crowe] 3 cr.**
- **New Course: ENGL 274: Introduction to Criticism and Theory [Gillette] 3 cr.**
- **New Course: ENGL 275: History of British Literature [J. McDowell] 3 cr.**
- **New Course: ENGL 276: History of American Literature [Crowe] 3 cr.**
- **New Course: ENGL 312: Writing, Grammar and Language Theory [Gillette] 3 cr.”**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 4. Motions

### 4.1 Motion-EPC

**“To approve a new Major and Minor in Public Health.”**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 4.2** EPC presented Faculty Senate with three course approvals that failed to meet the one week of review time to be considered by the senate for this meeting. The senate voted to suspend its review rule in order to vote for these proposals.

**Motion-Hyser, Second-Klien**

**“To suspend the Faculty Senate one week review rule in order to add the following course/LP/suffix proposals to the 4-3-14 Faculty Senate agenda for a vote:**

**ENGL 125B [PL, G]; ENGL 213; and PUBH 100.”**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion-EPC**

**“To approve the following course/LP/suffix proposals:**

**ENGL 125P: Introduction to Postcolonial Literature [PL, G] [Al-wazedi]**

**ENGL 213: Book Printing and Publishing [Youngberg]**

**PUBH 100: Global Issues in Public Health [Hough].”**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 4.3 Motion-Advanced Standing & Degrees Committee

**“The Committee on Advanced Standing and Degrees recommends the 2013-14 Spring Term and Summer Term Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, subject to completion of all degree requirements.”**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 5. Reports

### 5.1 Update on AGES 2.0

Carrie Hough reported on the progress the General Education Committee has made on the proposed changes to the core curriculum. Over the months of March and April, Gen Ed hosted four open meetings to provide faculty an opportunity to express their suggestions and concerns. The committee will meet week 5 to consider how to incorporate that feedback and move forward. Carrie reminded the senators that they all have access to the shared documents located in the Core Curriculum: AGES 2.0 Discussion and Feedback Google docs folder. Faculty who were unable to attend the open meetings are asked to share their comments (responsibly) in these Google docs or to contact their divisional representative on the Gen Ed committee. The Gen Ed committee intends to bring the proposal to the faculty for vote by the end of spring term.

A brief discussion ensued about the wisdom of using the terminology “Core Curriculum” in light of the recent negative connotation associated with it. Carrie Hough responded that this has been a topic of conversation; however, “Core Curriculum” terminology used at Augustana goes beyond the Gen Ed committee, e.g. it is used in the college catalog, as well as other places. Faculty with concerns should contact Carrie. Dean Lawrence added that using “core curriculum” has been used on campus at least as long as she has been here. It is used when talking to students, and most private schools use that terminology.

## 5.2 Assessment Committee's Focus on College Learning Outcomes

Ellen Hay named the current members on the Assessment Committee roster. The committee continues to focus on addressing the assessment of one student learning outcome a year. This year is "Communicate", and next academic year will be "Interpret". The committee continues to monitor each department's two-year assessment cycle, and she will ask the departments to report on their progress in May.

## 5.3 Budget Projections for 2013-14 and Budget Planning for 2014-15

David English introduced Augustana's new Controller, Randall (Randy) Roy, who started working for Augustana in December.

Revenue of \$800K is expected vs. a budget of \$1,000K. Full-time equivalent enrollment is approximately 75 students below budget at this time. Financial aid is favorable to budget by approximately \$2,000K, and other revenue is approximately \$300K favorable. In the expense summary, compensation is approximately \$800K favorable to budget, this was helped by not replacing administrative and staff positions. Other operating expenses which were unfavorable to budget were due to higher cost of utilities and slightly higher travel, related to student trips. Augustana's endowment performance has been strong with a 10% return for eight months. Cash was down from year-end. The 2014-15 Operating Budget will be built upon an entering class of 675 freshmen and a total enrollment of approximately 2,390 full-time equivalent students. It includes a modest increase in salary for continuing employees and a modest increase in interest costs on debt. It will be a flat year for operating expenses.

David extended an invitation for all interested people to join him on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:30 AM in the Brew for "drop-in" discussion time.

## 6. New Business – NONE

## 7. Announcements

- A Senate Steering representative will be present at each week 5 division meeting to discuss the Faculty Council model.
- Faculty should expect an email soon from Chris Marmé regarding upcoming senate or council elections.
- Look for an email from Steve Klien regarding a free webinar on faculty evaluation and assessment.
- The last Faculty Senate meeting of the year is Thursday, May 1, 2014.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Koski