

**MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
April 14, 2011
Hanson Science Building, Room 102
11:30 AM**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Emil Kramer. Roll call was taken by Virginia Johnson.
Unexcused Absences: Allison Beck, Lendol Calder, Dan Cortis, David Crowe, Pamela Druger, Reuben Heine, Norm Moline, Paul Olsen, Sangeetha Rayapati, Susan Stone, Molly Todd
Members Excused: Amanda Baugous, Ann Ericson, Paul Croll, Kirsten Day, Rob Elflin, Darrin Good, David Hill, Jason Peters, Lisa Seidlitz, David Snowball, Carla Tracy, Mark Vincent
Guests Present: Shawn Beattie, Liesl Fowler, Bob Haak, Mary Koski, Tom Mayer, Mark Salisbury

Emil Kramer informed the senators that electronic clickers would be experimented with in today's meeting. He asked that discussion of the clickers be held until the meeting was underway.

2. **Approval of minutes from the March 24, 2011 meeting**
"Motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting."
MOTION CARRIED.
3. **Motions and Reports**
 - **The Consent Agenda is passed.**
 - **New Course/Learning Perspective/Suffix: GEOL 104: Gemology [PN, I] [Wolf], 3 cr.**
 - **New Course: ITAL 150: Beginning Italian [Bottero], 3 cr. For Fall 2012 Rome Program**
 - **New Course: PHIL 324: Philosophy of law [PH] [Bonzon]**
 - **Learning Community: Language Theory and Application [Haskill/McDowell]**
ENGL 307: Linguistics, 3 cr.
CSD 367: Child Language Disorders, 3 cr.
 - **"G" Suffix Approval: BUSN 307: Social Issues in Management [G] [VanSandt], 3 cr.**
 - **Removal of Student Membership on Nominations and Rules Committee**
 - **Modification and Name Change of Health and Safety Committee TO Public Safety Committee**

From the President

President Bahls presented Illinois Senator Mark Kirk to receive an Honorary Degree. Senator Kirk will be this year's commencement speaker. President Bahls hopes to host a reception for Senator Kirk before Senate votes on Pell Grant cuts.

Motion-Dehnel, Second-Varallo

"To grant an Honorary Degree to Senator Mark Kirk, Augustana's 2011 Commencement Speaker."

Discussion: Bob Tallitsch asked what Senator Kirk's stand is on higher education and if his speech will be of a political nature. President Bahls reported that he clearly informed the Senator's staff that the speech was not to be of a political nature. He believes it will be on Senator Kirk's vocational calling and the importance of education.

MOTION CARRIED

Clickers Discussion

Motion-Hyser, **Second**-Coussens

"To experiment with the I-clickers for the April 14, 2011 Faculty Senate session only.

Emil Kramer made a friendly amendment to the motion that the clickers be used for non-controversial agenda items; the focused foreign term in Rome, for example.

Discussion: Van Symons expressed his opinion that the senators ought to work toward reaching a consensus by conversation. Bob Tallitsch seconded what Van said. During tenure on faculty senate, most of the time senators disagree, but are not disagreeable. He sees no need for the clickers. Jeff Coussens added that the best time to use clickers would be when the voice vote is too close to call. In response to Van Symon's comment, Chuck Hyser added that the clickers do not eliminate discussion; they are only used for final count. Joe McDowell asked Shawn Beattie if voting by clickers is anonymous. Shawn stated that each clicker is numbered, but that if they are randomly distributed, they should remain anonymous. Randy Hengst suggested voting both by hand and clicker. Sharon Varallo encouraged the senators to try the clickers. She stated that there is a power difference among the faculty and sometimes that can have an effect on votes. Kelly Daniels and Rowen Schussheim-Anderson agreed with Sharon's statement.

Wendy Hilton-Morrow called the question.

MOTION CARRIED

From AS&D

Motion-Committee on Advanced Standing and Degrees

"To recommend the 2010-11Spring Term Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, subject to completion of all degree requirements."

MOTION CARRIED (Vote by clickers)

From EPC

Introduction of a 3 + 2 Program in Public Health

Dara Wegman-Geedey reported that many Augustana Biology majors move on to Public Health programs who do not want to practice medicine. After having so many impressive Augustana students working in internships or fellowships at their institution, St. Louis University approached Augustana about implementing a 3 + 2 combined liberal arts and sciences and public health curriculum leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Public Health. The pre-professional part of the curriculum is completed in three years at Augustana with all of the Gen Ed requirements completed. The professional master's degree is completed in two years at St. Louis University School of Public Health. Because Augustana's faculty are too busy to offer a major or minor in public health, Dara feels this would be a very good agreement. It also gives Augustana a competitive edge in recruiting students interested in public health as a career. Under the agreement, St. Louis University will offer Augustana Biology students public health majors in: Behavioral Science and Health Education, Biostatistics, Biosecurity & Disaster Preparedness, Environmental & Occupational health, or Epidemiology.

Carrie Hough asked Dara Wegman-Geedey the number of schools offering a BA in Public Health, and the number of students entering Augustana with public health as their chosen major, versus turning to public health later in their studies.

Dara Wegman-Geedey answered that several ivy league and mostly East coast schools offer this major, and not many from the Midwest. Currently, she is not noticing a significant number of prospective or entering students seeking public health degrees. Joe McDowell raised the question if anyone knows if there is a negative affect on Augustana due to the students leaving campus after three years instead of four. Dara Wegman-Geedey replied that often students stay the fourth year. These programs are also attractive to students who are financially strapped. Fen asked what guarantee Augustana has that they will accept our students. Dara Wegman-Geedey replied that the agreement with St. Louis University is reviewed annually and is independent of St. Louis University's regular online application process. The agreement states that upon successful completion of the five specified requirements, the student will be granted full admission to the SLU SPH.

MOTION CARRIED (Vote by clickers)

From International Studies Committee/EPC

Proposal for Focused Foreign Term in Rome, including a "PH" for HIST 390: Everyday Life at the Dawn of Modernity

Motion-International Studies Committee

"To approve the Proposal for Focused Foreign Term in Rome, Italy for Fall Term 2012-13, including a "PH" for HIST 390: Everyday Life at the Dawn of Modernity."

MOTION CARRIED (Vote by clickers)

From Nominations and Rules

Motion-Changes to the Assessment Committee

Sharon Varallo summarized Nominations and Rules' reasons for renaming and reconfiguring the membership of the Assessment Review Committee. In the past, assessment review has been report driven and has had a statistical approach to it. Now, especially with the possibility of dove-tailing with our new student evaluations and recent discussions on assessing teaching differently, this committee will engage in the assessment process by transforming what is discovered about teaching into improved teaching methods. Membership was almost exclusively untenured, junior faculty. Asking junior faculty to fulfill the consultative and evaluative functions of the committee is at the least untenable and at the most professionally detrimental. Also, Division membership does not guarantee an interest from that divisional representative. The new committee will be renamed Assessment for Improvement Committee and membership will comprise of five full-time faculty recommended to Senate by Nominations and Rules, at least three of whom are tenured. The chair would be tenured. Dara Wegman-Geedey mentioned that the vote to approve these changes will not change the faculty handbook and asked where the wording would appear. Sharon Varallo replied that eventually committee changes will become part of the faculty handbook, but all college committee language is found in the College Committee List document. Jon Clauss added that this document is part of the faculty handbook. Mike Wolf asked who elects the chair for this committee. Sharon Varallo replied that it would be the members of the committee. Jeff Strasser spoke in favor of divisional representation on the committee because different divisions teach in different ways. Jayne Rose indicated the Nominations and Rules Committee hopes that divisional input would be provided, and that when faculty fill out committee preferences, that they would indicate a strong desire to be on this particular committee. Sharon Varallo indicated that the primary criterion for membership to this committee would be that you have to be interested in teaching and must want to be on it, but Nominations and Rules hopes that there are as many divisions represented on this

committee as possible. She offered the possibility of some friendly amendments to the proposal, such as not having more than two representatives of the same division on the committee. Kristin Douglas supported the idea of the committee being composed of people who are interested in assessment data, rather than those who are not.

MOTION CARRIED (Vote by clickers)

Committee Eliminations/Membership Revisions

Sharon Varallo summarized the proposed changes to several committees responsible to the administration that Nominations and Rules has recently addressed. Nominations and Rules proposed the elimination of the following committees: Campus Ministry, as this committee does not need a formal structure to serve its function; Long Range Planning Committee, as this committee no longer meets; and Senior Inquiry Development Committee, as the process of developing senior inquiry has come to an end. Nominations and Rules also proposes changes in the form of faculty representation on the Budget and Campus Parking Committees as stated in the proposal.

Motion-McDowell, Second-Dehnel

“To approve N&R’s proposal to eliminate the Campus Ministry, Long Range Planning and Senior Inquiry Development Committees; and the change in for of faculty representation of the Budget and Campus Parking Committees as presented.”

Discussion: Wendy Hilton-Morrow asked whether the elimination of the SI Committee assumes that there are no new senior inquiry models being developed, for example, for new majors? Doug Parvin spoke with Bob Haak about this, who suggests that any new senior inquiry proposals would go to EPC. This effort was applauded by Dara Wegman-Geedey.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski