

Minutes of the Faculty Senate
November 19, 2009
Science 102

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** - The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m., and roll was taken. Absent: Hildreth, Scott, Storl, Al-wazedi, Cleveland, Daniels, Warren. (I'm not sure if Al-wazedi and Cleveland are on pre-tenure leave.) Excused: Olsen, Nabhan-Warren, Peters, Gillette, Mahn.
2. **Approval of Minutes** - The Steering Committee moved approval of the October 15, 2009 minutes; motion carried.
3. **Motions and Reports**
 - a. Consent agenda already passed:
 1. ENGL239 for a G suffix
 2. Committee Replacement, Advanced Standing and Degrees (to finish Larry Scott's term) – Paul Weissburg (2011)
 - b. Senate steering motions:
 1. **Review time rules** – Steering requests approval of a rule requiring one-week of review time for course proposals and revisions to be considered by the senate. In more urgent cases, driven by practical exigencies the senate must vote first to suspend its review rule and then vote the proposal. Motion carried.
 2. **Approving Last Minute AGES Courses** – Steering recommends senate charge a working group including the chairs of EPC, Gen Ed, and the senate, and officers from Academic Affairs and Records to approve last-minute AGES courses, rather than bringing such courses through EPC and the senate for expedited approval. One term only. Motion carried.
 - c. **Evergreen II approval:**

Dehnel suggested deleting the intradepartmental option, Option D under “Possible structural designs,” page 3.

Bonzon so moved, Good second.

Dehnel: Understands constraints and the need to have other options etc. but intradepartmental LC is contrary to the thrust of LCs and has the potential to take the air out of LC requirements and creates a “two-fer.” There's no limiting principle. But if one department can do this, all can. Learning Communities should send the message that unrelated courses do have a connection. Option D can send the message that after you get past the General Education requirements, it's all about the major.

Bertsch: Do programs like Africana Studies, etc., fit in Option D?

Douglas: The Evergreen I document has interdisciplinary options.

Kalas: We're doing that now. Courses from different departments are taught in WGS.

Tallitsch: There's a difference between *programs* and *majors*.

Coussens: Could someone give an example of the intradepartmental option?

Johnson: In Psychology, abnormal psychology and a course that looks at physiological causes of behavior would be an example.

Varallo: I could give an example--but I agree with Dehnel.

Douglas: LC's are not only about different *disciplines* but different *approaches*.

Bonzon: I have a sense this would be too permissive. There are different approaches in philosophy; but even so, it lies only within the competence of the department to determine this. No one outside the department could pass judgment.

Johnson: Allowing Option D relies on a particular department, but that could change if a new faculty member is hired to teach a course.

Motion to amend carried.

Simonsen asked for clarification of wording for Option B.

Douglas: This means the two courses don't have to be back-to-back, but are in the same term.

Simonsen: Asked that this sentence be clarified in the document.

McDowell: That is a model we already have set up—to take one in fall and one in winter—Option C.

Crowe: Let's not edit from floor.

Evergreen II proposal motion carried as amended.

- d. **ISS 3xx for Variable Credit** - McDowell suggested a friendly amendment to his own motion allowing 0 credits for SS3xx: replace "ISS3xx" with "ISS304" (Ireland term.). The original motion is to change ISS 304 to a variable credit Course. Unless directed otherwise, students may choose to take the course for 0 or 1 credit. Directors of particular programs may stipulate a uniform 0 credit or 1 credit requirement. This course will continue to be a graded course. The grade will be reflected on the student transcript. In cases of hardship, the 0 credit option would be allowed. Johnson second.

Moline: People learn more than just the courses on foreign term and that should be recognized. ISS committee has already turned down this 0 credit option. All students going on term should be the same; with this, they can petition for 0 credit option. Moline has noticed a difference in quality of work when one credit is graded and included in the student's GPA. International programs are important; allowing 0 credits will look like we put less value on it.

Tallitsch: Because this was voted down by ISS, does it need to go thru some other committee, such as EPC? –No.

Moline: We could allow by petition that student could receive 1 credit over 33 in a certain year.

McDowell: 0 credit option will still be graded; 1 credit doesn't make that much difference in GPA. We already allow participation credit in music.

Hyser: Easier to allow students going on international term to take 34 credits in that year.

McDowell would support substituting that wording for his original motion.

Abernathy: Because this is an administrative matter, the budget people need to look at the implications of this, but the Senate can make a recommendation.

Wegman-Geedey: We shouldn't say that anyone can get 34 credits in a year.

Kivisto: It's troubling if we allow students the ability to skirt procedure.

Hay: Then one can vote "no" on the motion.

Hurty: How many students fall into this category? McDowell responded about three.

Good: Good supports petitioning for a waiver for that small percentage of students who run into this—about 15-20 each year.

Bonzon: Why can't we make this an audit? Because they have to pay

McDowell: We do that all the time....

Smith: Agree with Norm--Senate could recommend that we think about this. Since they will pay extra for international term, I would support that.

Johnson: Whether blanket statement or petition, is there any foreign term that does not require 1 credit? Tunncliff: Yes, any 10 weeks or longer.

Johnson: Then Senate should recommend Hyser's point. Johnson moved that students going on international term should be allowed to take 34 credits in that year without overload charge. Kramer second.

_____: Is this for any study abroad program?

_____: For programs of any length that have 1 credit requirement

Augspurger: There are too many unknowns.

_____: This is a recommendation only.

Hyser: We must be careful; we may be bumping into administrative matters. Recommend that ISS and budget people look at the situation.

Johnson: Substitute motion?

Varallo: I don't recommend this approach.

Good: Move to table this discussion, sending it back to ISS committee. Varallo second. Motion carried.

e. Discussion of new majors proposals

Wolf introduced the discussion, but noted that he was not the chair of EPC when these proposals were passed.

Hay: The market analysis on the first page of the Graphic Design proposal was written by Snowball; the rest is cut and pasted from other sources. It should come from the faculty of the Art department.

Quinn: Snowball helped to write the first page. Our department is excited to offer this program. It is a new area of liberal studies. It's not just something that applies to getting more students. We have been considering this major for 10 years.

Hay: More departmental things should come from you, not from other sources. You need time to create this, to think through as to how it fits with your current majors.

McDowell: Should these proposals be brought to the whole faculty?

VanSandt: No, this is the process; 3 new majors are unusual, but we've broken discussion into 2 sessions to allow for that.

Smith: Agrees with VanSandt. The Anthropology major was an example.

McDowell: In some circumstances, we can have a different procedure. There are questions about the seed money and what happens when that goes away.

Van Howe: More advertising of these proposals should be undertaken.

Abernathy: About a dozen donors gave a total of \$500,000 for this program; \$50,000 is to support the Mac lab. The Board has designated this money to be used to help increase enrollment. After year 1, the programs will hopefully fund themselves by bringing in students. If they are not successful after five years, the programs will no longer be offered. There are enrollment goals for each: 20 for Graphic Arts; 10 for Engineering Physics; and 5 for International Business.

Schussheim-Anderson: I question creating a new rule after the fact.

Hay: We would be changing the handbook, and that takes a vote of the whole faculty.

Kaul: This is public body and members of faculty who are not on senate can come to this meeting.

McDowell: We can't do this, then.

Dehnel: We can refer it to the whole faculty.

Hyser: There is lots of concern about procedure. This is my 20th year of overload. This year, I will teach 15 credits of overload. Education is not the only department in this boat.

Therefore, I am not supportive of new programs when we can't even properly fund existing departments.

VanSandt: While not denigrating Hyser's point, we're losing sight of the academic merits of programs. To delay because of procedural matters can harm merits of academic proposals.

Hyser: Because it was never discussed on campus, it doesn't seem like a fair playing field.

Abernathy: Last year, we had a failed search in Education, then the extra line in Education was frozen. Education could change teaching arrangements in the department.

Hyser: We won't turn over our Senior Inquiry to part-time instructors.

Abernathy: We must make decisions based on financial support available for positions.

Johnson: In my department all of us who teach major courses now will teach 35-36 students. We are farming out a course that was only taught by tenured faculty.

VanSandt: We should return the discussion to the merits of these proposals.

Goebel: Do we need an extra meeting to continue the discussion? We have run out of time.

Crowe: I am willing to call an extra meeting.

Clauss: Should it be a faculty forum?

Horowitz: It could be another Senate meeting, since they are open to all faculty.

Good: Agreed.

Varallo: Could the meeting please be called sooner than later?

The meeting was adjourned by acclaim at 12:25 p.m.

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