

**Minutes of the Faculty Senate**  
**Thursday, September 17, 2009**  
**Science 102**

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. and roll was taken. Absent senators: Hammer, Geedey, Peters, Strasser, Daniels, Day. Excused: Hough, Simonsen, Earel, Bertsche, Todd.
2. The minutes from the May 12, 2009 meeting were approved.
3. Chair David Crowe welcomed the new Senate. He stated that the Steering Committee wishes to acknowledge the Senate as voice of the faculty. To more fully recognize this role, we plan to begin each Senate meeting this year with a 15 minute discussion of important matters on campus. We will consider a number of new majors and would prefer that they be discussed in two meetings rather than one in order to give the Senate time to think about each. Crowe stated that he was sorry for the late publication of the consent agenda for this meeting. In the future, we want to post it at least 48 hours prior to the meeting for faculty to respond.

Crowe asked if the Senate would object to having meetings recorded. VanSandt observed that the meetings are open to all faculty, so why not? Jakielski noted that, as chair last year, she relied on detailed meeting minutes. Crowe responded to Good's concern that access to recordings will be for faculty members only, confirming that that is true. Since no objections were brought forward, recordings were approved.

4. Senate Steering moved approval of three at-large members to the task force on college-wide curriculum and load revisions and called for the Senate to nominate additional members. [See Charge and Composition of Task Force on Graduation Requirements and Load]. Hyser noted that having two members each from the religion and music departments on this committee is not good. Jensen noted that during the opening Faculty meeting, Dehnel said that the Faculty Senate would make the decision as to the make-up of the committee; Farrar commented that the two from Gen Ed were the only two willing to serve.

Hyser observed that the seven areas that represent departments and programs should be represented on the committee. This was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Crowe asked the Senate how it wanted to name the other members. Jensen moved to call for nominations. Culver seconded. Mahn asked if we have two already and therefore need for five more? McDowell suggested that once we know the other representatives, we could go back to the General Education Committee and EPC in order to add members to obtain balance. Farrar asked if the Senate could accept the General Education Committee member who volunteered then add others so as not to lose the enthusiasm of the volunteer.

Nominations from the floor:

Hurty: Randall Hall (selected by General Education Committee)

Good: Ritva Williams (selected by EPC)

Kramer: Cathy Goebel. Goebel asked about the time commitment. Unknown, but the committee is charged to report in Spring 2010.

Dewitt: Kurt Christoffel.

Kramer: Allen Bertsche

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?\_\_\_: VanSandt-declined

Kramer: Hyser-declined

Jensen: Pat Shea

Kramer: Ann Ericson-declined

VanSandt moved to close nominations; Wegman-Geedey second. Motion passed.

Crowe asked if the Senate wished to vote on the nominations, noting that the charge to the committee had already been included in the Senate documents. Ruth Ann Johnson moved to table the matter; Van Howe second. Hurty asked if all of the nominees were here in the meeting. They all were not present. Kaul noted that we would be voting to nominate these people, not elect them. Jensen asked if it would be wise to put this off. Vote to table failed.

Jakielski moved to approve the slate of nominations to the task force on college-wide curriculum and load revisions; Kaul second. Motion passed.

Dean Abernathy announced EPC's decision to elect a faculty chair of that committee; the Dean of the College will no longer chair. EPC will have chosen the faculty chair by the next Senate meeting.

EPC moved for approval of the 2010 Summer Session schedule. It was noted that it is the same as last year's schedule. Motion carried.

EPC moved for approval of Advising AUDIT Guide for Transfer Students and the Clarification of the Transfer Agreement for Community Colleges. This is a two-year pilot project designed to ease transfer of community college students to Augustana. Abernathy observed that while the general education programs at these community colleges are not identical to Augustana's, they are parallel as far as breadth and depth of our Learning Perspective requirements. The clarifying language provided provides the Registrar's office latitude in transferring in students who come in with the same situation who are not from the five colleges on a case-by-case basis. Clauss asked who vetted the community colleges. Abernathy answered that it was Academic Affairs, the Registrar's office and EPC. Douglas noted that the General Education committee had the opportunity to thoroughly examine the programs but declined to do so because they knew that the Registrar had looked at them carefully. Hay noted that McHenry Community College was on the working group's list, but not in the group brought forward today. Abernathy confirmed. Lori Scott noted that Scott Community College should be called Eastern Iowa Community College since it includes three locations. Coussens asked if we don't already do this kind of transfer on a case-by-case basis. Abernathy said yes, noting that the advantage to automatically granting the LP waiver is that we are actively reaching out to very strong students at community colleges instead of taking a passive role in recruiting transfer students. He hopes that by informing these transfer students up-front the probability of their graduating in two years will be appealing to them. Students with Associate degrees have had success at Augustana; these students typically have attended community colleges for financial, not academic, reasons. If students do not have an Associate degree, the Registrar will continue to analyze their transcripts on a course-by-course basis. Fowler stated that there is not a course for course match between schools, but overall the coursework is comparable. Mahn observed that, in other words, the new program will look at the associate's degree as a package. Coussens asked if this will apply to current students. Answer: No, it will begin with the 2010-11 year. Jensen asked if it was only the LP requirements that were being waived. Fowler noted that students with an associate's degree from the selected colleges have had the equivalent to our overall LP experience. Abernathy noted that they also will take more LP courses when they are at Augustana (for example, Learning Communities and Christian Traditions course.) Wegman-Geedey suggested that their chance to acquire a minor might be a sales approach. Hay added that this will bring Augustana in alignment with what the state universities do with transfer students' general education requirements. It was noted that the pilot needs an end date. The clarification that the pilot will run during the 2010-11 and 2011-12 years, with evaluation during that time, was accepted as a friendly amendment. Motion passed.

LSFY 102 courses: EPC moved for approval of:

- 1) LSFY 102: Japanese Narrative Art: From Prince Genji to Princess Mononoki [Gungi]
- 2) LSFY 102: From Common Man to Super Man [Arbesú]

Motion passed.

- 3) LSFY 100: Academic Practices in Liberal Studies [V. Johnson]

This course is for the second five weeks of Fall term, designed for students having problems. Gillette asked about possible staffing issues. Virginia Johnson noted that there has been no consideration yet of future staffing, and that this year's course is a pilot. Wegman-Geedey asked if this course will take the place of study skills help, i.e EN111, a one-credit course. V. Johnson said that this is a more efficient way to handle such a course and does not take the place of the ten-week individual tutorials. we need such efficiency since we have so many more students in ENGL 111 because of advisors encouraging students to enroll in it.

Motion passed.

EPC developed a form for faculty to use when proposing new programs. This is for preliminary vetting of courses so that people will not do a lot of work writing a full proposal if it is impossible to move forward with the program.

Tallitsch asked if the form had been approved by any committee. Abernathy replied that it was approved by EPC. Abernathy will send out the guidelines to faculty today.

Ruth Ann Johnson, Kramer and Varallo made Motion to replace vacancies as follows:

- International Study (to finish Mukesh Sud's remaining year) – Karen Petersen (2010)
- Institutional Review Board (must be from Natural Sciences) – Greg Domski (2012)
- Campus Sustainability (to replace Steve Hager, who resigned) – Heather Mattern (2012)

Motion passed.

Kramer moved to amend the above motion that on Student Judiciary Committee, to replace Sarah Skrainka with Letania Ferreira.

Motion passed.

Johnson explained how representatives were chosen for the committee to evaluate the Dean. Johnson noted that she is stepping down as chair, and that Kramer and Varallo now co-chairs. The committee first became aware of the need to choose members for the evaluation committee during this year's opening faculty meeting. AAUP guidelines for evaluation of administrators will be followed. Faculty representatives should be tenured. The committee considered divisional representation and faculty rank, but since they were to select three people, these approaches wouldn't work. They decided that the representatives should have been at Augustana long enough to have had experience with other Deans of the College, therefore those who were faculty members at least since 1998 and after were considered. They came up with a long list, removing people on leave and those who had other heavy responsibilities (e.g. FWC). They also wanted to identify people who didn't already hold an extreme position on the subject.

President Bahls reported that the 10th day of classes FTE was 2446, down 75-80 students. The declines were primarily in first-year and transfer students. Concerning the Illinois MAP grants: students who receive the grants are being encouraged to visit and contact state officials with their concerns. The President asked faculty to please be understanding if students are going to Springfield on a van to see their representatives. The MAP students usually are already receiving Pell grants, so if

the MAP money does not return, Augustana will have to use its contingency funds to make it up. This will wipe out all contingency funds. Recent dialogues, hosted by the CVR, have been helpful. President Bahls has also met with past chairs of the Faculty Senate, who strongly stated that departmental websites need to be improved. A Thanksgiving deadline for improved departmental websites has been set and extra design personnel will be hired to help meet the deadline. This work will be paid for by the new initiatives fund.

Adjournment was the result of popular acclaim and the time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carla Tracy  
Secretary