Minutes
College of Liberal and Applied Arts College Council

JANUARY 28, 2013; 2:30 p.m.; Ferguson 478

Attending: Dr. Ray Darville, Chair; Dr. Ron Tumelson, Dr. Sarah Savoy, Dr. Dana Cooper, Dr. Al Greule, Dr. Linda Bond, Dr. Lee Payne, Dr. Ben Dixon, Dr. Alan Baily, Dr. Gabriela Miranda-Recinos, Mrs. Elizabeth Spradley. Ex Officio: Dr. Marc Guidry (Associate Dean). Visitors: Dr. Sam Copeland, Dr. Chris Sams.

1. Session called to order by Dr. Darville at 2:30 p.m.

2. Minutes from December 10th reviewed.
   - A motion was made and seconded, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried, with two abstentions.

3. Report from the Chairs’ Council Meeting
   - Dr. Darville reported that the Chairs’ Council has not yet met this spring, so there is nothing yet to convey to this Council.

4. Report from Associate Dean Guidry on the RAPP Program
   - According to legal consultants, the best way to distribute money to students (for independent study projects) is to award a scholarship.
   - Half of the annual funds will be provided by the College ($1,000) with the remaining half provided by each department, in equal shares ($111.12).
   - To be eligible, students must be majors or minors in the College of Liberal and Applied Arts. Further qualifications include the below:
     - The student must devise a unique collaborative project
     - The student must have a GPA of at least 3.25
     - The student shall present his or her work at the annual Undergraduate Research Conference
   - Discussion ensued on whether to raise the qualifying GPA to 3.5. A motion was made and seconded to maintain the GPA qualification at 3.25. The motion carried, unanimously.

5. Proposed Statement to Provost regarding the New Core Curriculum
   - Dr. Cooper reported the results of a survey conducted by the Faculty Senate regarding the actions of the Core Curriculum Advisory Committee (CCAC). Dr. Cooper also informed the body that the survey has been delivered to Dr. Berry.
There was a consensus that the comments recorded in replies were the most “telling and valuable” aspect of the survey.

- The ensuing discussion centered on continuing uncertainties regarding the relationship between the process of building the new core and the core assessment process. Specifically:
  - How (if at all) do course assessment plans figure into applications for individual courses to be in the new core?
  - Will it be necessary to assess every objective, in every course (every semester), and in each way prescribed by the assessment rubric (e.g. oral written and visual communication)?
  - Will the “civic responsibility” objective necessitate service learning projects in all core courses tasked with fulfilling that objective?

- The College Council expressed gratitude to Dr. Cooper for her efforts on this matter.
- A motion was on the floor to accept the CLAA “Core Curriculum Statement” to the Provost. Discussion of this motion led to the following sub-motions to amend the document:
  - to edit the third line from the bottom of paragraph one, to read “committee who are” instead of “committee are”;
  - to strike the word “faculty” from paragraph one, line six;
  - to delete the first sentence of the final paragraph; and
  - to amend action statement two to read: “Therefore, we request that a brief extension be granted beyond the current February 15th deadline, to consider faculty voice from survey results and open forums.”
- A motion was introduced and seconded to adopt the above changes, and passed unanimously. Following this, the Council voted unanimously to accept the (amended) Statement.
- Dr. Darville agreed to transmit the document to Dr. Berry.

6. New Business

- There was no new business on the agenda
- Mrs. Spradley proposed that the Council (or a subcommittee thereof) might conduct preliminary, editorial reviews of course change proposals this spring, in anticipation of the Council receiving an unusually high volume of such changes next fall. Dr. Darville agreed to discuss this proposal with the Chairs’ Council before our next meeting.

7. Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried, unanimously. Adjournment was at 3:31 p.m.