Liberal and Applied Arts College Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2011

Attendance:

Present: Owen Smith, R. Tyler Spradley, Ronald Tumelson, Denise Millstein (Substituting for Ericka Hoagland for Fall 2011), Alan Baily, Steve Taaffe, Dana Cooper, Megan Hartley, Louise Stoehr, Gabriela Miranda-Recinos, Sarah Savoy, Ray Darville, Karol Chandler Ezell, Wilma Cordova, Mark Barringer

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from meeting on September 26, 2011

Ray Darville moved to accept the minutes.

2nd – Karol Chandler Ezell

Yes – 13
No – 0
Abstain - 0

2. Update from Chair

The Chairs Council has not met since the September 26, 2011 College Council meeting; therefore, Owen Smith will provide an update at the next council meeting.

3. Report from the Sub-Committee considering the revision of the Council Constitution regarding council representation (Article I, Section 3) was provided to the council in a brief presentation from the sub-committee chair, Ray Darville.

Mark Barringer indicated there is one B.A. in Modern Languages instead of one for French and one for Spanish. As a result, the report would need to be corrected to state, “Thus, this group with the current configuration would have 15 members” (p. 2, line 5). Additionally, he verified there is no University policy that would prevent the recommendation of the report from being a viable option to implement to his knowledge.

Ray Darville stated that the recommendation is not a motion, rather, a point of entry for discussion and a response to the charge of the committee to think of a possible solution for representation. It was also clarified that the College Council and the Curriculum Committee would be two separate entities. The Curriculum Committee will send recommendations to the Dean, not the College Council. Additionally, representatives are elected by departments to serve on both bodies. Lastly, he argued that the recommended model adds greater predictability and that no person can serve on both committees.
Discussion of the necessity for a change in structure and adequate representation for minors and concentrations ensued.

Questions posed:
1. Will minors and concentrations have less voice in the approval process with this model? Does the current model offer more or less voice?
2. Is the change necessary for decision making? Is there any instance where the Council could not make decisions; thus, supporting a need for changing the structure?
3. Could the model introduce more politics into the curriculum approval process?

Owen Smith commented the original intent of the consideration of representation centered on minimizing the impact of mergers and other structural moves within the College.

Ray Darville also introduced a chart that indicated what a proportional representation would look like with current figures to provide another possible consideration offered by the Sub-Committee.

A history of the Council’s current structure and previous proportional structure was provided. It was noted by Steve Taaffe that the two representatives per department model was put in place to address the complexities presented by proportional representation.

Gabriela Miranda-Recinos moved that the Council would like to thank the sub-committee and that each departmental representative take the report back to department for feedback to be given at the next scheduled Council meeting.

2nd – Louise Stoehr

Yes- 12
No – 0
Abstain - 0

4. Additional business.

The next meeting will be held on November 14, 2011 at 2:30pm.

Motion to adjourn – Dana Cooper

2nd – Wilma Cordova

Yes - 12
No - 0
Abstain - 0