Minutes:

Council Chair Perry Moon opened the meeting at 2:30. First item of business was a brief discussion of the minutes from the September 28, 2009 meeting. Correction of two names – Steve Taaffe and John Dahmus – was mentioned prior to the motion to pass the minutes. John Boyd and Ty Spradley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Central business of the meeting focused on curricular proposals from Communications, English, Sociology, Political Science, Spanish, and Classical Studies. The proposal from Criminal Justice was removed from consideration.

1. John Hendricks and Sherri Wilford were present to discuss the MCM proposals. Discussion of these proposals were as follows:

   MCM 301: Course Title Change; CIP Code: incorrect, should be a journalism code
   MCM 302: Updated Course Description; a brief discussion regarding the title of the course in which John Hendricks noted that “Video Production,” rather than “Television Production” more common now.
   MCM 309: Feature Writing: Course Title change
   MCM 376: Radio-Television Announcing: change in prerequisite; prerequisites were eliminated when MCM change was made; reinstituting the prereqs
   MCM 431: Advanced New Media: New course – continuation of 430
   MCM 499: Senior Seminar: New course; mandatory for senior majors in journalism/RTV; will be taught as a class. Discussion of this course involved whether the prerequisite should be removed; noted that the course would be offered once a year; suggestion that “or” should replace “and” in the prerequisite section.

Owen Smith makes the motion to approve the proposals and Julie Harrelson Stephens seconds. Motion is PASSED with one abstention.

2. Classical Studies Minor: Owen Smith discussed proposal, emphasizing the switch to making the minor more interdisciplinary. Language requirement restricting the number of students who could qualify for this minor. Perry Moon voices concern regarding the restructured language requirement, stating that two years makes more sense. Smith notes that most of the students interested in this minor are likely to take
two years anyway since so many of them are in our college where a two year
language requirement is standard. After further discussion, John McDermott moves
to accept the proposal. Ty Spradley seconds. The motion is PASSED with 11 in
favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

3. English proposals regarding English 424 and English 446 are discussed. John
McDermott moves to accept proposals; John Boyd seconds. Motion is PASSED with
one abstention.

4. Film Studies Minor: the conversation about the restructuring of this minor began with
a consideration of potential courses that may be added to this minor, as Ty Spradley
notes that there are courses from Media and Global Cultures that might work within
this minor; conversation then moves to 1) approve proposal with recommendations;
2) hold off on the proposal until next meeting or approve provisionally, include
electives that are suitable (Mike Martin, coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Studies
Program would determine this after meeting with Communications); or 3) adding
language about using other courses as electives, being sure that such changes do not
affect the core.

   John McDermott moves to approve direction #3; adding language about
substitutions possibly? Should that be recommended? The motion dies.

   John Dahmus moves to reconsider proposal after Mike Martin has been conferred
regarding these issues/postpone proposal pending discussion; John Boyd seconds.

   Motion is PASSED with 10 in favor; 2 opposed; 1 abstention.

5. Geography Internship/ GEO 400: new course proposal; clear up language in the
syllabus regarding prerequisites; course description not very descriptive; suggested
that the proposal be tabled and request for more developed course description.

   John B. motions for tabling proposal; Ken seconds. Motion is PASSED with 11
in favor; 2 abstentions.

6. Sociology – Professional Development courses (SOC 310, 311, & 312):
Recommended to discuss with Dr. Jerry Williams to receive more information about
these courses before moving forward. John Dahmus moves to reject these proposals;
Julie Harrelson Stephens seconds. Motion is PASSED with 11 in favor; 2
abstentions.

7. Political Science: PSC 301. Course Descriptions and Pre-Requisites; doesn’t really
address the change in prerequisites on the course proposal / modification form

   Ken Collier suggests tabling this proposal for clarification on prereqs for criminal
justice and other pre-law tracks; John Boyd seconds. Motion is PASSED with 11 in
favor; 1 abstention.

8. Sociology: After discussion of professional development courses and PSC 301,
council considers other Sociology proposals. Discussion of these proposals was as
follows:

   SOC 138 proposal to delete in favor of SOC 338; no longer approved for core
curriculum delivery
   SOC 139 course title change
   SOC 253: course title change

   John McDermott moves to accept proposals ; Julie Harrelson Stephens seconds.
Motion is PASSED with one abstention.
9. SPA 460 Internship; suggestion regarding 50% of grade from employer; written evaluation may be better/more appropriate

   John Dahmus moves to accept proposal with change; John McDermott seconds motion. Motion is **PASSED** with one abstention.

Discussion moves to a consideration of the Workload Policy. John McDermott notes that English/BFA independent studies are not considered in relation to workload, which is a concern with the growth of the BFA, with fifty majors, and a two semester senior thesis that essentially is an independent study. Professor Moon states that he will talk to Dean Murphy about this concern. A general conversation about what graduate courses count for versus the large numbers of students in introductory classes (1 ½ v. 2). Professor Moon states that he will talk to the chairs at their next meeting regarding these concerns. John Dahmus then suggests that the workload policy be revisited at the next meeting in order to put together a list of concerns/questions to take to the chairs and the dean.

Owen Smith moves to adjourn the meeting; John McDermott seconds. Motion is **PASSED** unanimously.