

College of Liberal and Applied Arts  
College Council

Meeting date: Monday, October 18, 2010

Time and Location: 2:30 pm in Ferguson 184.

Council members attending were: Carol Chandler Ezell, Wilma Cordova, Ken Collier, John Dahmus, Rhiannon Fante, Major Kwang Fricke, Ericka Hoagland, Gabriela Miranda-Recinos, Perry Moon, Jeff Roth, Sarah Savoy, Peter Simbi, Owen Smith, Ty Spradley, Steve Taaffe, Ronald Tumelson.

Also attending were Dr. Brian Murphy and Dr. Mark Barringer from the Dean's Office.

Dr. Dahmus called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Steve Taaffe moved that the minutes from the last meeting (September 27, 2010) be approved. Gabriela Miranda-Recinos seconded. The motion was approved by 13 votes.

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Dr. Bryan Murphy answered council member's questions about the college's strategic planning document. The dean emphasized the need for strategic planning based on the current budgetary environment.

John Dahmus suggested that item # 3 on the Strategic Planning Document (High Impact Learning) be prioritized over # 1, which would require the creation of new programs. The dean suggested that the college identify areas for high impact learning.

Ken Collier mentioned that a degree in International Affairs had already been proposed. The dean responded that he was open to a new International Studies program that would be interdisciplinary in nature.

Steve Taaffe asked about how the Social Research Center might be used for assessment. The dean replied that the Center might be used to survey alumni.

John Dahmus asked about how the college's summer study abroad program might fit in with the strategic plan.

Dr. Murphy said that the Council had free reign to suggest modifications to the Strategic Planning Document, but he emphasized that he would like a strategic plan by the end of the semester.

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Dr. Dahmus delivered a report from the last chairs' meeting.

The Associate Vice-President of Academic Affairs said that the FIG (Freshman Interest Group) program would be reinstated beginning in the Fall of 2011.

The Dean is developing a proposal for a BA in Sustainable Living that will be coming before the Council this semester.

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The Council resumed discussion of tenure and promotion standards. In response to a query at the last meeting, Ronald Tumelson pointed out that the English department's tenure criteria require a refereed publication and three other items listed under research. The document discussed at the previous meeting only covered merit criteria.

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The Council next took up course proposals from the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis. With respect to ANT 471, Dr. Barringer suggested that the lab hours be removed from the course proposal since the course does not require a weekly lab. It was also suggested that the first sentence be removed from the course description, and that the date on the form should be changed to Fall 2011.

Carol Chandler Ezell moved to approve ANT 471 with the suggested changes. Owen Smith seconded. The motion was approved with 15 votes in favor and one abstention.

With respect to SOC 351, it was pointed out that the course description in the syllabus needs to match the new course description on the form. The date on the form should be changed to Fall 2011.

Owen Smith moved to approve SOC 351 with the suggested changes. Ronald Tumelson seconded. The motion was approved by 15 votes with one abstention.

With respect to ANT 383, it was suggested that the rhetorical question be removed from the course description. The date on the form should be changed to Fall 2011.

Owen Smith moved to approve ANT 383 with the suggested changes. Ronald Tumelson seconded. The motion was approved by 14 votes with one abstention.

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The Council next took up curriculum proposals from Modern Languages. Questions were raised about why Modern Languages wanted to consolidate its programs into a single degree and why the new track for Dual Language study was included. Professor Moon answered that the new degree would permit the Modern Language department to offer more options to its students,

including the Dual Language track. He also pointed out that the Dual Language track would allow students who choose that track to have a minor outside the department.

Dr. Dahmus asked if students taking the Dual Language track would be able to complete a degree with 120 hours. Professor Moon responded that the track was targeted to students who begin with a high level of proficiency in at least one foreign language. Under those circumstances, students would indeed be able to complete the track with a minor in a 120 hour degree.

Dr. Taaffe asked if the entire Modern Language Department agreed to the new degree. Professor Moon responded in the affirmative.

Dr. Dahmus pointed out several corrections to the course proposals. In most of the proposals, the effective date needs to be changed to Fall 2011. Other corrections are as follows:

ILA 450: typos need to be corrected for questions # 5 and 17.

SPA 330: the final sentence needs to be removed from question # 5.

SPA 331: a new description indicating the new prerequisite should be added.

SPA 340 and 341: the typo should be corrected in the course title.

SPA 460: Writing Intensive should be changed to Writing Enhanced.

Peter Simbi moved and Carol Chandler Ezell seconded that the French courses 330, 340, and 350 be approved with the changes suggested. The motion was approved by 15 votes with 1 abstention.

Ken Collier moved that the course proposals for SPA 304, 305, 330, 331, 340, 341, 360, 433, 435, 445, 460, and 320 be approved with the suggested changes. Carol Chandler Ezell seconded. The motion was approved by 14 votes with 1 abstention.

Peter Simbi moved to approve ILA 215, 420, and 450 with the suggested changes. Ken Collier seconded. The motion was approved by 14 votes with 1 abstention.

Gabriela Miranda-Recinos moved to approve the BA in Modern Languages. Ronald Tumelson seconded. The motion was approved by 14 votes with 1 abstention.

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At 4:15, Wilma Cordova moved to adjourn. Peter Simbi seconded. The motion was very popular and was approved unanimously.