

College of Liberal and Applied Arts
College Council

Meeting date: Monday, November 15, 2010

Time and Location: 2:30 pm in Ferguson 172.

Council members attending were: Carol Chandler Ezell, Wilma Cordova, Ken Collier, John Dahmus, Rhiannon Fante, Julie Harrleson-Stephens, Ericka Hoagland, Perry Moon, Jeff Roth, Sarah Savoy, Owen Smith, and Steve Taaffe.

Also attending was Dr. Mark Barringer from the Dean's Office and Dr. Jerry Williams from the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis.

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

Ken Collier moved that the minutes from the last meeting (November 8, 2010) be approved. Sarah Savoy seconded. The motion was approved with 11 votes in favor.

The Council revisited course proposals that had been discussed at the last meeting. Dr. Barringer had provided Dr. Dahmus with revised versions of proposals from Media Studies, English, and Geography.

The Council first looked at the proposals from Media Studies. Dr. Owen Smith explained that MCM 478 and 479 do not constitute a capstone course. They offer 400 level courses within the advertising track of Media Studies. Dr. Smith also explained that these courses are not meant to focus on graphics or statistic based research.

The proposal for MCM 480 has been changed to a maximum of six hours. It cannot be taken more than once a semester.

Carol Chandler Ezell moved to accept the revised proposals. Wilma Cordova seconded.

The motion was **approved** with twelve votes in favor.

The Council next considered revised proposals for English 353, 354, and 355. The proposal courses were modified so that prerequisites match in the syllabi and the course proposal form. The designation "Writing Intensive" was changed to "Writing Enhanced." Student Learning Outcomes were added to English 355.

Owen Smith moved to accept the proposals as amended. Carol Chandler Ezell seconded.

The motion was **approved** with 12 votes in favor.

The Council next considered proposals for GEO 434 and GEO 234. Dr. Jeff Roth explained that a course deletion form had been added for GEO 234. Suggested corrections were made to the syllabus and course proposal for GEO 434.

Carol Chandler Ezell moved to approve the proposals for GEO 234 and 434. Wilma Cordova seconded.

The motion was **approved** with 12 votes in favor.

The Council next looked at the document for Strategic Directions for the College of Liberal and Applied Arts. Much lively discussion ensued about the desirability of a new major in International Affairs, about the uses of a classroom designed for distance education, and about the importance of the QEP.

Ken Collier moved to table the document until the next meeting, during which time Council members would consult with members of their respective departments about the document. Julie Harrleson-Stevens seconded.

The motion was **approved** with 12 votes in favor.

The Council next looked at the proposal for a Bachelor of Arts in Sustainable Community Development along with course proposals for SUS 101, SUS 450, and SUS 495.

Questions were raised about the core curriculum, which specified ENV 110 and PHI 153 or 223. Dr. Barringer explained that students in the program would be advised to take the courses. ENV 110 is clearly useful for students interested in sustainability, while PHI 153 or 223 would prepare students to take PHI 390.

Owen Smith pointed out that PHI is a topics course, and that the Division of Communication would soon propose a course, specifically devoted to Environmental Ethics.

Dr. Barringer was also asked if the courses in the Major Core were offered on a regular basis. He replied that those courses were offered regularly and that they had no trouble making.

Dr. Dahmus asked if students pursuing this degree would be required to have a minor. Dr. Barringer replied that they would not be required to have a minor.

Owen Smith moved to accept the proposals for the BA in Sustainable Community Development along with the course proposals for SUS 101, SUS 450, and SUS 495. Ken Collier seconded the motion.

The motion was **approved** with 11 votes in favor and 1 opposed.

Perry Moon brought up the question of double majors versus second majors. He intended to introduce a motion encouraging the Academic Affairs Council to allow double majors. However, Mr. Moon quickly learned that the Provost had stolen his thunder by announcing that Double Majors would be allowed.

The question the Council next considered was whether the College should continue to offer second majors. Members of the Council decided to revisit the issue after consulting with faculty members in their respective departments.

At 4:00 Steve Taaffe moved to adjourn. Everyone agreed that it was a fine idea and got up and left.