

College of Liberal and Applied Arts
College Council

Meeting date: Monday, November 8, 2010

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

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

Also attending were Dr. Mark Barringer and Steven Cooper 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 (October 18, 2010) be approved.

Ronald Tumelson seconded.

The motion was approved by 15 votes.

Dr. Dahmus reported from the last chair's meeting. Holly Gaskill made a presentation on energy conservation. The faculty may be asked to participate.

At the chair's meeting the dean also noted that the Provost does not favor second majors, and that the Banner system does not recognize them. The Banner system will, however, allow for double majors.

With respect to the form for annual faculty evaluations, the chairs accepted the Council's previous recommendations, except suggestion to add "department or program" to the line about comparative data. The chairs felt that some programs were too small to allow for meaningful comparisons.

Ronald Tumelson asked if the comparative data included non-tenure track instructors. Dr. Barringer replied that the same form is not used for non-tenure track instructors.

Peter Simbi pointed out that some faculty members are uneasy with the use of comparative data in faculty evaluations. Dr. Dahmus responded out that the intention was not to rank faculty members, but to indicate whether an individual faculty member compared favorably or unfavorably with the department as a whole.

Julie Harrelson-Stevens thought that the suggested language about "departments or programs" was intended to allow chairs discretion whether or not to compare faculty members with other faculty members in the program or in the department. Perry Moon suggested that the word "either" be added to make clear that the intention is to allow chairs discretion.

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Julie Harrelson-Stevens moved to add the word “either” so that the form would read “comparative data with members of either the program or the department.”

The motion passed with 14 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

Dr. Dahmus next presented the Report on Unit Analysis to the LAA Council.

Ken Collier moved that the LAA Council report that the Council has reviewed the report and that the Council has accepted it.

Julie Harrelson-Stevens seconded.

The motion was approved with 14 votes in favor.

The Council next took up curriculum proposals.

The Council looked at 3 proposals from the Division of Communication and Contemporary Culture: MCM 478, MCM 479, and MCM 480.

With respect to MCM 478 and 479, the question arose whether 479 was intended to be a capstone course. On MCM 479, Perry Moon pointed out that the course goals on the syllabus do not match those on the course proposal form.

The MCM course proposals were tabled until the next meeting.

The Council next took up proposals from the History Department. The proposals included a new course proposal for HIS 470 and two program modifications: one to include HIS 470 as a requirement for the History major, the other eliminating the second major for History.

Steve Taaffe moved that the proposal for HIS 470 and the proposal to modify the History major be approved. Ken Collier seconded.

The motion was approved by 14 votes in favor.

Steve Taaffe moved to approve the deletion of the second major in History.

Ronald Tumelson seconded.

The motion was approved by 14 votes in favor.

The Council next took up proposals from the Psychology department.

Ken Collier moved to approve the deletion of Psychology 300. Rhiannon Fante seconded.

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The motion was approved by 14 votes in favor.

Ty Spradley asked if the new prerequisite for PSY 310 would also apply to students in the Leadership Studies Minor, who are required to take the course. Rhiannon Fante replied that the prerequisite did allow students who have not taken PSY 133 to take the course with permission of the instructor.

Ronald Tumelson moved to approve the curriculum proposals for PSY 310, 311, 350, 351, 360, 361, 375, and 376. Sarah Savoy seconded.

The motion was approved by 14 votes.

Dr. Dahmus presented Council members with a revised form for PSY 497.

Rhiannon Fante moved to approve the proposal for PSY 497. Ken Collier seconded.

The motion was approved by 14 votes.

With respect to PSY 498, Perry Moon pointed out that the course description in the syllabus does not match the new course description.

Dr. Barringer asked if PSY 498 could be taken more than once in a given semester. Rhiannon Fante replied that it could.

Gabriela Miranda-Recinos moved to accept PSY 498 with the necessary change in the syllabus.

Ronald Tumelson seconded.

The motion passed with 14 votes in favor.

The Council next considered proposals from the English Department.

Steven Taaffe moved to approve the deletion of ENG 358.

The motion was approved with 14 votes in favor.

With respect to new course proposals, it was pointed out that the course description needs for ENG 354 needs to match; that there are no student learning outcomes for 355. Ronald Tumelson pointed out that the prerequisites do not match for some of the proposals and that “writing intensive” needs to be changed to “writing enhanced.”

Ronald Tumelson said that he would take the proposals back to his department.

With respect to the revision of the Children’s Literature Minor, Owen Smith moved to accept the change. Wilma Cordova seconded.

The motion was approved with 14 votes in favor.

The Council next looked at SWK 333.

Peter Simbi moved to accept the proposal. Wilma Cordova seconded.

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The motion was approved with 14 votes in favor.

The Council next looked at the proposals for the BAAS minor. Dr. Cooper described the new BAAS proposal. Dr. Barringer clarified that equivalent credit awarded for work not arising from university course work was based on training and certification, not for work experience.

Perry Moon moved to approve the proposals for the BAAS. Julie Harrelson-Stephens seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with 14 votes in favor.

There were various questions raised about the proposal for GEO 434. It was asked whether the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis planned to delete GEO 234. It was also asked what the five “other” hours on question 10 of the course proposal referred to.

Perry Moon said the syllabus should include course goals, PLO’s, and a timeline. He also asked about the possibility of cross-listing this course with a graduate course, which is mentioned on the syllabus, because the college chairs had voted to discontinue the practice.

Jeff Roth said that the department would resubmit GEO 434.

There was no motion to adjourn. Dr. Dahmus said that if there was no other business, we were finished for the day, and no one objected, so we all left.