Minutes - October 27, 2008 CAS Faculty Senate Meeting

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, October 27, 2008


Guests: J. Browning (Theatre), J. Rosen (Psychology), L. Overby (BAMS/Theatre)
Excused: A. Coleman, M. Brueckner, S. Burton

1. Minutes/Agenda
   1. President John Brockman brought the meeting to order at 4:00. Approved minutes from September meeting and the agenda.
   2. Remarks by President John Brockmann. Dean Apple is in Korea so Deputy Dean Watson will give remarks.
   3. Remarks from Deputy Dean George Watson. Copies of the CAS Strategic Plan and Tactical Plan were distributed to the group. He gave an overview of the plan and noted the highlights. This has also been posted on the college website at:


Deputy Dean Watson informed the group that departments should be discussing the plan internally and beginning to discuss similar plans for departments. The Dean’s Office is now working on Responsibility Based Budgeting (RBB) and will be presenting information to the chairs at a retreat in February. Various workshops are being presented across campus on the concept of RBB and will continue over the next few weeks.

4. Educational Affairs presented nine proposals for acceptance. These were passed.
   - BAFL Ancient Greek and Roman Concentration
   - BAFL French Studies Concentration
   - BAFL German Studies Concentration
   - BAFL Italian Studies Concentration
   - BAFL Languages Concentration
   - BAFL Russian Studies Concentration
   - BS Psychology
   - Proposed new B.S. in Neuroscience
   - Dance Minor

5. Announcements
   - Special election/ballot – No nominations have been received. The senate still needs a president-elect and secretary. Paper ballots have been sent out and are to be returned to Mary Cleveland/CAS Deans Office, who will compile the information for the COCAN Chair, Ted Davis.

6. Old Business
- Changes in Bylaws
All changes were approved. In #2, “steering” should replace “planning” committee.

Bylaws change suggestions.

7. New Business
Breadth Requirements – UD does not have uniform breadth requirements across all majors. Last spring they decided to establish one. An ad hoc committee was formed to do the review and Eric Rise, Brian Ackerman and Tony Seraphin are the college’s representatives on that committee.
There was a question as to whether they are going to ask for a lab course, and Tony Seraphin indicated that yes, they will ask for a lab course.
After some discussion that the number of required credits would then be 13, Eric Rise said they would get clarification on the issue at the next meeting.
It was also noted that a student can fulfill UD requirements by fulfilling College requirements since they are concurrent.

- University Breadth Requirements

8. Adjournment
Respectfully submitted by Mary Cleveland, Acting Secretary