College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate  
March 15, 2010 meeting


Guests: John Sawyer, Marsha Dickson, David Saunders, John Morgan, Deni Galileo, Brian Ackerman

Absent: A. Randolph, H. Kaufman, S. Cherrin

Excused: C. Holloway, A. Coleman,

Meeting called to order at 4:04 pm.

Minutes

I. Consent Agenda
   a. Approval of the agenda for 3/15/10 meeting
   b. Approval of the minutes from 2/15/10 meeting
   c. Other items from Steering Committee
      i. Change to the Art minor
         Passed as presented.

II. President’s Remarks (John A. Pelesko)
   a. Steering Committee meetings are being held two weeks prior to the Senate meeting to give people more time to circulate materials and solicit input.
   b. Guest speaker for April: Bruce Lambrecht (Technology); May: Provost Tom Apple (welcomes input on topics)

III. Special Presentation – John Sawyer, Associate Provost for Professional Education. Dr. Sawyer spoke of the goals for his office as they relate to (1) promoting excellence in professional education and (2) engaging our students in providing service and expertise to the larger community. The goal is to develop strong, identifiable graduate programs that raise our profile and serve the regional business and industrial community.
   a. Question: what about funding for existing graduate programs? Answer: this might involve changing the model and creating programs for paying students.

IV. Dean’s Remarks (Associate Dean Ann Ardis: New Calls for Proposals). Dean Ardis described the proposed Interdisciplinary Humanities Research Center to develop interdisciplinary programs and create humanities-related outreach activities. Several new grant programs were reviewed, for which the deadline is April 15, 2010.

V. Business Arising From Standing Committees
   a. COCAN: Recruiting is ongoing for Educational Affairs, Faculty Awards, COCAN, and President-Elect, Advisement and Retention.

   b. Steering Committee:
      i. Resolution on moving departments (Computer Science to move to engineering)
         1. Question: what are the economic consequences of the move for Arts & Sciences? Answer: under RBB transfer of faculty and
resources no longer pertains; College-level subventions will need adjustment.

2. Question: will this affect A&S majors who are currently required to take CIS courses? Answer: No. If anything CIS wishes to expand service to other colleges.

3. Resolution to recommend the move passed 24-1-1.

ii. Resolution on moving departments (Fashion and Apparel Studies to join Arts & Sciences). Marcia Dickson presented the case for this move.

   1. Question: Was the Business School considered as a home? It seems aligned with this program. Answer: Yes; however FAS is very interdisciplinary and feels Arts & Sciences offers a better alignment as a research-based, multidisciplinary environment. The move will foster closer connections to the social sciences in particular.

   2. Resolution to recommend the move 25-0-1.

iii. Promotion and Tenure:

   1. Guidelines for promotion of CNTT faculty are not consistent or specific; the committee will be reviewing the existing guidelines to make a recommendation.

   2. The Committee will also investigate the need for a CNTT member of the P&T committee to assist in evaluating CNTT cases.

iv. Resolution on College/University Breadth Requirements presented (as neither moved nor seconded) on behalf of Eric Rise by John A. Pelesko.

   1. Question: There is serious opposition to the notion of only one list due to the significant restrictions that seem to be in place on the University list.

   2. Motion to amend Rise’s resolution made and seconded

      a. Discussion: if any course without undue numbers of prerequisites is acceptable to the University why is this resolution needed?

         i. Answer: The philosophy behind the University Breadth requirements is to allow freshmen to take breadth requirements with minimal prerequisites. In many cases A&S does in fact wish to offer breadth courses with multiple prerequisites, beyond what’s appropriate for freshmen and sophomore.

         ii. Clarification: The original resolution intends to make the Arts & Sciences list irrelevant.

         iii. Question: If the College and University disagree on a course’s appropriateness for the breadth list what happens? Answer: Probably it would be declined. However, a supplemental list might be appropriate

iv. Comment from Ed Affairs: There are two courses proposed for the University list that A&S deems unacceptable for our list.
v. Comment: Most Group B requirements were not approved by the University. This would hurt Study Abroad. Would recommend clarifying that 25 credits come from the A&S list.
vi. Comment: Student engagement is higher in higher level courses. We need to keep the breadth level appropriately high.

vii. Options: Pass or fail original or amended resolution, or table resolution. If we do nothing the University and A&S will maintain two separate, overlapping lists.
viii. Comment: The University Undergraduate Studies Committee is prepared to hold several of our program revisions “hostage” because they don’t refer to the University breadth requirement. This is not acceptable. We are being held hostage by an individual member of the College who is on the University Ed Affairs Committee.

ix. Motion to amend failed.
x. Motion to table resolution passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.