

Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting 3.10.11

Dean's remarks:

- President's Research Fund: CAS had 8 funded, School of Medicine had 11. Next round submissions will focus on collaborations across colleges.
- Dean search – decision will be made by late March - early April. Committee meeting and deliberating, will meet with Vice President Patankar.
- UAC – Budget starts in Fall. New undergraduate programs requiring financial resources must be submitted in March for VP approval in May and budgeting in fall.
- Evaluations committees – for teaching, service, research; members have been named:
 - Teaching - 4/12 members are from CAS
 - Research productivity – 3/12 from CAS
 - Service – 1/12 from CAS
 - Leadership 3/12 from CAS
- STEM+ - Father Biondi has hired an architect, and we have been given permission to submit a grant proposal.

Minutes from last meeting – vote to accept – seconded, approved.

Next meeting on 4th floor of DuBourg Hall (Sinquefield State Room: 4th floor, DuBourg, room 409).

Committee Reports:

Technology committee:

- 1) flux in ITS leadership
- 2) backup storage moving to a new backup storage system; old was \$10-14,000/terabyte; new one is \$6000/terabyte; includes backup to tape, but only holds for 31 days. Not clear how much backup we currently have. There's no indication of any backup storage since Jan 1, 2011.
- 3) Departmental websites: ITS person will not be continuing after graduation, so no help to departments with websites
- 4) We continue to have more HP hard drive failures.

Board of Graduate Education:

- Move to consider revision to article IV:

Article IV: Approvals

A simple majority vote of a quorum of the members present (including the Chair) is needed for approvals. All BGE approvals are submitted to the Faculty Council for approval before being moving on to the Dean for final CAS approval. New courses and programmatic/curricular changes limited to CAS are then implemented. New programs and policy/procedure changes are submitted to the Associate Vice President for Graduate Education for further approval by the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee and, in the case of a new program, to the VP Frost Campus and the Board of Trustees.

Motion seconded. All in favor, motion passes.

- Motions to change bylaws:
 - 1) Motion to change name of Curriculum Committee to Undergraduate Curriculum

Committee. Motion (introduced at the November, 2010, Faculty Council Meeting):
The by-laws shall be amended to specify that the Curriculum Committee shall handle matters relating to Undergraduate Curriculum.

Proposed changes in italics:

“Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee shall consider proposals for additions, alterations, or deletions in the undergraduate academic courses, programs, and graduation requirements of the College, and shall be the primary vehicle within the College for undergraduate curricula coordination and review.”

Vote 19 in favor, 0 not – passes.

- 2) Motion (introduced at December, 2010 meeting): The Board of Graduate Education shall be established as a standing committee of the Faculty Council, and the following text shall be added to the Faculty Council bylaws with the underlined text deleted:
In the section regarding standing committees: The Board of Graduate Education is generally concerned with the development, improvement and quality control of graduate education initiated in the departments and programs of the College of Arts and Sciences. More specifically, the Board reviews and approves proposals for curricular changes, new courses and new programs; reviews and establishes administrative procedures and college-wide academic standards for admissions and for degree, thesis and dissertation requirements of the graduate programs; and advises the Deans on any issues they may bring to the Board. The Chair and members of the Board must have Graduate Faculty status. The Dean and Associate Dean for Graduate Education are non-voting ex-officio members of the Committee. Approvals of the Committee are subject to the approval of the Dean and are reported to the Faculty Council.

Vote - 19 in favor, 2 opposed. – motion passes.

- 3) Establish Graduate Faculty Membership Committee to be a standing committee.
Motion (introduced at the December, 2010, meeting): The Graduate Faculty Membership Committee shall be established as a standing committee of the Faculty Council, and the following text shall be added to the Faculty Council by-laws in the section regarding standing committees: “The Graduate Faculty Membership Committee participates in a concerted effort within the College of Arts and Sciences to bring credibility and visibility to graduation education in the College. As such, it ensures that faculty across the College who teach and mentor graduate students have active research agendas or participate in their profession in a way that warrants their appointment to Graduate Faculty. Within departments, faculty research or professional productivity is best determined by the Department Chair. The Committee’s main task is to ensure that departmental standards are being applied consistently across the College. Its secondary task is to hear appeals from faculty members concerning adverse decisions by a department about membership on the Graduate Faculty. The Chair and members of the Committee must have Graduate Faculty status. The Dean and Associate Dean for Graduate Education are non-voting ex-officio members of the Committee. Approvals of the Committee are final and are reported to the Faculty Council.”

Vote - 18 to 2, motion passes.

- 4) Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – reports to faculty council but doesn’t seek approval. Original text must be amended to reflect this fact. Motion to strike the underlined sections of text (introduced at the December, 2010, meeting):

- Original text: Recommendations of the standing committees are brought to the Faculty Council in the form of a motion so that the proposal can be fully discussed and acted upon by the Council. All of the recommendations of Council committees must go to the Faculty Council for approval.
- Amended text: Recommendations of the standing committees are brought to the Faculty Council in the form of a motion so that the proposal can be fully discussed and acted upon by the Council. With the exceptions of the Board of Graduate Education and the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee, all of the recommendations of Council committees must go to the Faculty Council for approval. The Board of Graduate Education and the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee will report recommendations to the Faculty Council, but only amendments to the by-laws of these two committees require Faculty Council approval.

Vote – 19 to 1 in favor, motion passes.

5) Vote to change bylaws with current amendments: 18 in favor, none opposed – bylaws are changed

- Motion to dissolve adhoc GEC and GMC committees at end of this year. All in favor, none opposed - motion passes.
- BGE course approvals (on bottom page 1 of agenda):
 - IAS556 InSAR – Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar
 - EAS-508 - Dynamics of the Atmosphere
 - EAS-509 - Physics of the Atmosphere
 - EAS-530/630 - Seminar in Atmospheric Science
 - EAS-531/631 - Communicating in Research

Motion to approve, seconded. All in favor, none opposed – passes.

- Revisions to Graduate meteorology program (EAS; pg. 2 of agenda).
 - Reduce total credit hours for Ph.D. program from 72 to 60
 - Change format of MS qualifying exam – New EAS 508 and 509 replacing old EAS-550
 - Add new seminar/scientific communication courses – EAS 530/531, EAS 630/631
 - Consolidate courses

No discussion. All in favor, none opposed.

Nominations committee: – have asked for committees to choose new chairs so nominations can be called for spring elections.

Core Curriculum Committee: Approved courses for core curriculum (as in agenda). Comes as a seconded motion.

- FREN 487 – Exoticism (global citizenship)
- ENG 333 – African Diaspora Literature (global citizenship)
- POL215 Black Politics (diversity in the U.S.)

Discussion. French 487 – looks at perspective of otherness in the literature of French-influenced countries. Motion carries 19 to 0.

List of Approved Courses for Diversity in US and Global Citizenship as of 3.10.11 (from last page of agenda):

Diversity in the U.S.

AAM 201 Contemporary Black America

AAM 490 Black Women in Society

ASTD 310 American Decades
ASTD 320 Making the American City, 1940-2010
ASTD 322/AAM 322 The Urban Crisis
CMM 432 Communication across Racial Divisions
CSDI 300 Characteristics of Multicultural Populations
PHIL 481/WSTD 481 Feminist Philosophy
PHIL 482/AAM 481 Philosophy and Race
POLS 380 Structure of Poverty
PSY 434/AAM 434 African American Psychology
SWRK 327 Diversity & Anti-Oppression Practice
SOC 211 Sociology of Sports
HIST 359 American Women
Pols-215 Black Politics

Global Citizenship

POLS 250 Asian Miracles
POLS 250 Introduction to International Political Economy
POLS 360 Problems of Globalization
CMH 201 Introduction to Global Health
SOC 188 Geography of World Regions
POLS 252 African Politics
POLS 254 Ethnicity and Internal War
PHIL 342 Environmental & Ecological Ethics
SPAN 435 Counter Hegemony Discourse
ARTH 314 Islamic Art and Society
SOC 120 Introduction to Anthropology
CMM 493 International Mass Communication
EAS 109 Climate Change
FREN 487 Exoticism: France and its Others
PHIL 349 Jewish Life and Thought
SPAN 438 Cultural Stereotypes: Latin America
THEO 273 Islam: Religion and Culture
ENGL 333 African Diaspora Literature

Students in natural sciences might have trouble filling requirements. Though about 100 courses used to be listed under these requirements, only 16-18 were ever offered in a single semester (though could have multiple sections), so not necessarily a large decrease in number of available courses. About a dozen courses still be considered at next meeting, so might be on books by fall; more courses will be added next year.

BS students – need to take courses that do “double duty” (fulfill more than one requirement); students will need good advising to choose these courses. Committee recommendation is to not make any changes to course requirements for BS students.

Issues- these courses won't be offered often enough or in enough sections, or with enough students in each section to accommodate all students needing to take them.

Number of courses is increasing, though, so might be sufficient by the time they're needed.

Motion to table discussion – passes.

Curriculum committee:

Approved the following (from agenda):

1. Proposal from Department of Fine & Performing Arts --Approved
ARTH 340 – Art of Pilgrimage and Crusades (renaming)
ARTH 341 – Art of Cathedrals and Kings (renaming)
Curricular change to Art History major

2. Proposal from Department of Philosophy--Approved
PHIL 416 – Philosophy and Physics (new course)

3. Proposal from Department of Theological Studies--Approved
THEO 319 – Studies in Old Testament (renaming)

4. Proposal from Department of English--Approved
ENG 487 – Introduction to Young Adult Literature (renaming)

5. Proposal from Department of Sociology/Criminal Justice –Approved
SOC 224 – Introduction to Archaeology (new course)
SOC 324 – Anthropology of Sex and Gender (change title, number)
SOC 326 – Peace and Conflict (renumber)
SOC 328 – Forensic Anthropology (new course)
SOC 329 – Native Peoples of North America (new course)
SOC 424 – Primate Social Behavior (change number)

Motion to approve – all in favor, motion passes.

Faculty senators: Report loss of associate professors due to salary issues, particularly at School of Medicine.

Motion to adjourn 4:32 pm.