ARTS AND SCIENCES CHAIRS' COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
4/28/08


Guest: A. Lachance

1) A. Lachance – Chair Elect of the Childhood/Early Childhood Dept.
   A. Proposal (handout outlined new format and rationale for the concentrations): represents the reality – i.e. it minimizes substitutions and also better accommodates transfer students

Q: How about a Natural Science concentration?
   - conversation could happen but we need to be wary of too many concentrations regarding Advisement

Q: Problem of full CRIM program, so the dept. is not really able to open seats for education majors
   - Perhaps the solution is that the concentration could include all Sociology courses except those cross listed to CRIM? However 600-700 sections may create other issues

NOTE: in the social sciences and humanities concentrations the phrase “Any of the following” means any combination in the Social Science concentration

Q: AAS courses not explicitly mentioned but hidden behind cross-listed courses
   - Andrea will look into how to help clarify that.

Q: Lack of coherence in this new scheme
   - watered down, for convenience
   - needs stronger rationale

Q: POL and ECO – specific requirements have been replaced by “any GE3”
   - this doesn’t open doors for students, instead it locks them out of upper division POL or ECO

Andrea: there are 800 advisees in Childhood/Early Childhood, current structures are incoherent, so we have to be realistic. Potential for clusters in particular interest areas.

Other questions raised: Will this in fact broaden their educational foundations? Are we yielding responsibility to the students? Our responsibility is to do more than just provide a convenient array. More dialog needed with departments.
Suggestion of seeing four-year models without concentrations -- then chairs could help fill in the concentrations. However such models are problematic for transfer students.

Chairs should send comments directly to CCRC where this proposal will be reviewed.

Announcements

• Winter Session Courses for 1/09 due on 4-30-08

• Catalog Review – new option turned on in acalog, allows reviewers to view all course descriptions at once. Chairs OKd this as a feature they would like to see.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerome O’Callaghan