

ARTS AND SCIENCES CHAIRS' COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2007

Members Present: K. Alwes, S. Asumah, C. Cirimo, L. Ellis, L. Gatto, S. Gutman, N. Helsper, R. Kendrick, M. King, B. Mattingly, D. Miller, J. O'Callaghan, T. Pasquarello, T. Phillips, K. Russell, S. Steadman, H. Steck, P. van der Veur, R. Wheeler, K. Zimmerman, A. Zipp

Guests: N. Aumann, D. Barclay, T. Baroni

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by J. O'Callaghan. (Dean Prus is attending a Council for Advancement and Support of Education conference.)

Announcements:

Nominations for Various Committees are due today--pre recent email from J. Barry. A&S faculty are encouraged to self-nominate.

Reminder of the Provost's email inviting faculty-staff to the **Long Range Planning Strategic Plan** meeting, February 28, from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Faculty are encouraged to attend.

Email from N. Pasquarello calling for faculty to get involved in **Judicial Affairs** (justices are needed). It is very rewarding and a valuable experience for faculty involved.

CCIT conference linking Art and Science to be held at Oswego the end of March.

Honor's Reception after the Admissions' Open House is March 31, 2:00 p.m. at the Alumni House. A sign up sheet was distributed - recommend one person from each department attend. Please let Rhonda know by next week who will be attending to represent your department.

Congratulations to **Dr. Baroni** - 2006 Fellow of the Mycological Society, announced in recent Bulletin.

L. Ellis announced that the Art Department has finally won approval of a new **BFA program** from SUNY.

Nominations for **Alpha Delta Scholarship** are due to Associate Dean by this Friday.

N. Aumann distributed a handout from the U.S. Department of Education on Emergency Planning to prepare the campus for a possible **pandemic flu emergency**. Particular concern about ways the college can respond in an emergency at anytime, even in the middle of the semester -- contact Aumann with your ideas.

N. Aumann: **Main Street classrooms** are not restricted to graduate classes only, and she urged faculty to think about using these classrooms.

Reminder that Open Meetings for the **Vice President for Institutional Advancement Candidates** are this week; attendance is encouraged.

AGENDA:

(The council agreed to delay discussion of facilities until after the first item on the agenda.)

GE Implementation:

N. Aumann explained the formation of the committee (relatively late in the process) and the impending roll-out for advising in the spring. The purpose of her visit is to explain the progress made and solicit feedback from faculty regarding the New Cortland GE. The Implementation Committee meets on Fridays, 3:00 p.m. She noted that the old GE 8a and 8b were not correctly addressed in the CAPP (new GE 2 and GE 13) and attempts have been made to remedy that. The issue of how best to display the Science requirements remains on the table.

D. Barclay distributed a handout (Implementation of the Natural Sciences GE Requirement and Suggested CAPP Layout) summarizing concerns about the translation of the approved program into the CAPP. T. Baroni handed out a Cortland General Education sheet with courses listed -- representing the new CAPP.

D. Barclay explained the problem with the Natural Sciences categories: GE2 and 13 categories have the same exact courses - and the science faculty have a real concern that students could fulfill these categories without taking a lab science course - example: GLY 160 and CHE 125. D. Barclay and T. Baroni are recommending that Category 13 needs to be changed to category 2A courses only. This would be consistent with the program approved by the faculty. A second proposal (page 2 of the handout) is to merge Category 2 and the revised version of 13, making them two separate elements of a new GE 2 requirement.

Discussion: the Implementation Committee had recently changed the text of the Natural Science category (to attempt to prevent students from using GLY 160 and PHY 150 - both cannot be used). However that does not go far enough and other loopholes could be found. Barclay's proposals attempt to remove those loopholes. It was stressed that the New Cortland GE was passed by Faculty Senate and that is what should be implemented. The 2006 referendum proposal the task force approved is the document that the college should be using.

The rationale for the CAPP layout (GE1-10 in one box, GE11-13 in another box) was discussed. It was explained that SUNY GE's were kept separate from Cortland and other college requirements, as SUNY GE's cannot be waived. The waivable group was then clearly marked in the 11-13 box. N. Aumann gave her opinion for the rationale that Category 13 was made. With integrating SGE and Cortland GE, SUNY GE2 category is met by many transfer students fulfilling that category at another college. Complications of waivers and transfer credit for Category 2 were discussed.

After lengthy discussion, the following suggestions/questions/ideas were discussed regarding the GE2 and 13 categories:

- * all non-lab courses should be removed from the 13 category
- * courses labeled "2B" in the referendum should be removed from the GE13 category
- * not able to waive a lab (2A) course or must have a lab course completed at Cortland.
- * have category 2A lab category only, and 2B non lab courses-(Category 13 converted to 2A by removing all B courses).
- * waivers may be the source of more trouble and confusion, undermining the goals of the categories that are Cortland specific - perhaps abandon them

* in many majors there is a detailed science requirement, so students will have no choice about getting a 2a course

Decision that a message needs to be sent to the Implementation Committee that the program voted on by the Task Force was changed and a real concern why. Given that a preview version is already on the web, and that this will “go live” at the end of February (for March advising), this issue must be resolved quickly.

MOTION was made and seconded:

The Arts and Sciences Chairs’ Council endorses the proposal brought forward by Tim Baroni and David Barclay, and strongly urges that it be adopted by the GE Implementation Committee: 16 in favor, 2 No, 2 abstentions. CARRIED.

N. Aumann will take this information forward to the Committee and relay the concerns addressed at this meeting.

The guests were thanked for attending today.

Facilities: Call for Alterations - A number of projects/proposals to take place in Dowd, Bowers and Old Main have been forwarded to the President’s Cabinet for approval.

External Review for Promotion:

Discussion continued on two aspects of the commitment made in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU II). MoU II (link distributed by Dean Prus before this meeting) text was reviewed: explicit commitment to requiring external review for promotion to full professor. MoU II also makes it clear that System is urging Cortland to consider external review for all tenure track faculty appointments. At least three chairs, in consultation with their departments, had found significant opposition to the policy. Some chairs were concerned that they had not seen a mandate, some concerned that the President had signed off without consulting or seeking the support of faculty. It was noted that there were discussions in Joint Chair’s Council some time ago about this proposal. Some discussion on how we might implement it if it has to be done. It is important to find a matching institution for reviewers. Question regarding what other schools do and to what affect - is it effective or disruptive? Perhaps ask the new System Provost (Palm) to speak with chairs’ council or joint chairs’ council regarding this. Perhaps have our President and/or Provost present a rationale for this at Joint Chairs. It was noted that we already do have peer review of scholarship - through the routine of journal submission etc. Some felt the bottom line is about scholarship - which might be decided by someone other than peers. An individual could be penalized unfairly in this process.

Topic needs further discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome O’Callaghan
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