

# ARTS AND SCIENCES CHAIRS' COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## 5/12/08

**Members Present:** K. Alwes, S. Anderson, S. Asumah, G. Bhat, C. Cirmo, R. Darling, L. Ellis, L. Gatto, R. Kendrick, M. King, B. Mattingly, J. O'Callaghan, R. Ponterio, A. Fitz-Gibbon for K. Russell, S. Steadman, H. Steck, P. van der Veur, K. Zimmerman

**Guests:** L. Ashley, N. Aumann

### Announcements

- Interim Dean applications due this Friday, 5/16/08
  - o There will be search committee
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. deadline for final grades
- Retirement Reception – 5/19/08
  - o A. Zipp and R. Wheeler
  - o Note: B. Batzing is coming back for one year
- 6/9/08 is deadline for department reports to the Dean
- DSI announcement is out
  - o Deadline to chairs – 7/7/08
  - o Deadline to interim dean – 8/4/08
  - o Q: Any DSI letter regarding professionals?
    - Not seen yet
  - o Q: Any DSI process for part-timers?
    - It's the same as everyone else – same pool. Some part-timers and lecturers do get DSI.
  - o Q: any news regarding UUP contract?
    - It's ratified but not yet signed – yes per H. Steck
- Course schedules due to Dean – 8/20/08

### Facilities

- B. Mattingly – Moffett will be closed as of 5/23/08 until 8/11/08.
  - o Moving faculty to Whitaker for the summer
  - o all tied to Moffett renovations
  - o summer advising will be moved to Bowers
- Old Main Windows
  - o work starts with GIS laboratory next week
  - o counter clockwise progress
  - o Some sign of new paint peeling off from work already completed: College will inspect before the completion
- Programming for Bowers is proceeding nicely
- Significant progress on education building
  - o Q: Student Life Center plans?

- Money awarded via strategic initiative: \$50 + million  
No building schedule yet. Construction probably will be 4 years from now
- Q: Any Moffett long term plans?  
M. Prus – expects that Moffett Phase II will take place within 5 years

### **Associate Dean's Report**

- Delayed on course substitutions, but promises to catch up this week
- Likewise delayed on Chairs' Council minutes, will catch up soon
- Don't forget the 2:30 p.m. reception today for Dean Prus in recognition of his appointment as Provost.

### **Personnel**

- News: C. Heasley will be chair for Art for one year
- Recommendations regarding CHE chair, and NCM hire, are coming soon.

### **Budget**

- Note recent UUP advertisement regarding budget cuts.
- VP of Financial Management – situation appears worse than the \$109M spending cap – some indicators are that this is more like \$900M cap.
- L. Ashley – we still do need to push back, DoB has backed off one of its tactics – nevertheless we are looking at a big cut.
- DoB appears to have deepened the cut to the General Funds, while letting go of the CAP on spending
- Today: rough estimate of a loss of \$3M to \$5M for Cortland
- Note: in Florida the state university system has imposed cuts in Faculty, cuts in Programs and enrollments. Possibility there of unacceptance letters being sent to students.
- Still no sign of a rational tuition policy

### **Curriculum**

- S. Anderson regarding overlap issue (handouts)
- GRY takes pride in graduates, and in the content and growth in GIS. Competencies and skills are evident in the sample of eight GIS students who recently graduated.
- Problem with admin. culture. GRY has been informed that in some of its concentrations (those with 9 instead of 12 required credits) the department is out of compliance with college policy.
- The current issue is the degree of overlap between the CAP minor and the GIS major. How much overlap is too much?
- Raises the specter of students not being allowed to take courses
- Currently the Associate Dean is allowing 6 credits of overlap, but GRY would prefer 9 credits. The campus needs an explicit policy on the overlap issue, to avoid variation in individual interpretation.

- GRY's request:
  - o Asking the Chair's Council to consult and make recommendations to the Dean
  - o Leave it at the discretion of the departments

Responses on this issue included

- B. Darling → as a matter of policy this should go to the EPC
- N. Aumann – the origin of the issue is in policies approved by EPC and Faculty

Senate some years ago

- J. O'Callaghan – not as significant an issue as it appears – for three reasons:

Director of the CAP program is not concerned by the Associate Dean's rule on this, the number of affected students is very small, and students can always compensate for too much overlap by taking another course in the minor.

- M. Prus – BUSE and CAP minor – we explicitly allowed an overlap of 6 credits – CAP 100 and MGT 423

- R. Kendrick - EPC process opens it up to comment and negotiation
  - We make recommendations, we don't make policy
  - We don't rely on the Registrar or Provost for voting
  - You can infer a policy on overlap
  - Can't justify two different degrees from one course of study
- K. Alwes – agrees with S. Anderson – issues like this are being taken away from the faculty
- S. Steadman & S Asumah – problem is most apparent in interdisciplinary minors and majors
- P. van der Veur – degree of allowable overlap needs to be proportional
- S. Anderson – EPC will make it a campus-wide policy, not the preference of his dept.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerome O'Callaghan