Minutes
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Chair Pratt called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

1.0 Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 10/1/2013 were approved as distributed.

2.0 Proposals for the Latin American Studies Program

Proposals from the Latin American Study Program were discussed. Dr. O’Day provided background information regarding the proposals. The proposals stemmed from last year’s Program Review and the external reviewer. The Latin American Studies Program has a long history of language emphasis, which distinguishes this program. Both faculty and students want the opportunity for more culture, society, and historical perspectives. Other programs that could be impacted were involved indirectly through the Latin American Studies Steering Committee. Dr. O’Day indicated that these proposals would not have an impact on resources. Clarification was sought regarding the difference between the proposed emphases. One emphasis remains language proficiency while the other emphasis is more on culture and society. This emphasis will hopefully attract more students and make the program more visible. Advising will play a large role in assisting students which emphasis and required courses are needed. There are no anticipated changes to the minor at this time.

A motion was then put forth by S. Duckworth-Lawton and seconded by N. Gannon to:

1. Rename the emphasis within the Major: Latin American Studies, Liberal Arts (Code 340-202)
   to Major: Latin American Studies, Liberal Arts, Language Emphasis (Code 340-XXX) and to
2. Add a new emphasis within the Major: Latin American Studies, Liberal Arts, Culture,
   Language and Society Emphasis (Code 340-XXX).

The motion passed 9-0-0.

3.0 Proposal from Department of Political Science

Dr. Peterson reiterated there is continued and ongoing confusion on campus related to Pre-Law as there is no Pre-Law major. He stated that Admissions still wants to indicate Pre-Law on the University admissions form because they feel that students would not recognize Legal Studies as Pre-Law. Students would check Pre-Law and then be funneled to Legal Studies. He indicated that
the student group is very active in assisting with identifying ways to meet their goal in becoming a lawyer.

A motion was then made by J. Hoepner and seconded by S. Ducksworth-Lawton to:

1. Eliminate the Pre-Professional Program: Pre-Law.

The motion passed 9-0-0.

4.0 Proposal from Department of English

Dr. Bushnell provided background information regarding the proposal. The department has more faculty with expertise to offer new courses which will reflect this emphasis. The proposed name change reflects where the Department of English is heading and is growing from the Blugold Seminar. Dr. Bushnell stated that he feels this proposed emphasis will grow with the development of and regular offerings of the new courses.

A motion was made by J. Markgraf and seconded by S. Ducksworth-Lawton to:

1. Rename the Scientific and Technical Writing (Code 540-208) emphasis within the Major: English, Liberal Arts to Rhetorics of Science, Technology, and Culture (Code 540-XXX) and to
2. Rename the Scientific and Technical Writing (Code 540-413) emphasis within the Minor: English, Liberal Arts to Rhetorics of Science, Technology, and Culture (Code 540-XXX).

Motion passed 9-0-0.

5.0 FASRP text for APC

Chair Pratt provided rationale for the suggested changes in FASRP text for APC membership based on what is currently happening. This would clarify the number of voting members, quorum, and non-voting ex-officio members. Discussion included whether there should be two voting members from the College of Arts & Sciences due to the size of the College. Discussion also included the possibility of charging the Senate Nominating Committee with seeking the specific needs of the committee. Chair Pratt will review the current suggested changes and include this topic at the next meeting.

6.0 Upcoming Meeting Items for the Meeting on October 15th

FASRP text for APC Membership

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted
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Secretary for the Meeting