Members Present:


Members Absent:

Ned Beach, Marcia Bollinger, Don Bredle, Joel Duncan, Bruce Dybvik, Susan Hafen, Jeannie Harms, Robert Hooper, Lisa La Salle, Tim Lane, Gene Leisz, Barbara Lozar, Donald Mash, John Melrose, Rick Mickelson, Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Rebecca Wurzer

Guests:

Randy Beger, Margaret Cassidy, Mark Clark, Wilma Clark, Bernard Duyfhuizen, Donald Nielsen, Andrew Soll, Ted Wendt

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:03 p.m. Tuesday, November 26, 2002 in the Tamarack Room of Davies Center

1. Without objection, minutes of November 12, 2002 meeting of University Senate approved as corrected
   - Ted Wendt removed from guest list

2. Chair and Faculty Representative Report – Chair Harrison
   - Phil Huelsbeck from International Education elected to vacant At-Large Academic Staff Senator position
   - Next meeting of Faculty Representatives on December 13, 2002 via teleconference
   - Next meeting of Board of Regents on December 5 and 6, 2002

3. Academic Staff Representative Report – Senator Wilcox
   - Met in Madison on November 14, 2002; among items discussed
     - Plan 2008 Phase II
     - Professional development opportunities for academic staff
     - Speculation regarding looming budget deficit and how it might affect personnel, particularly academic staff
   - Next meeting will be teleconference on December 19, 2002

4. Unfinished Business

Academic Policies Committee – Second Reading – New Prefix: Criminal Justice (CRMJ)

Continued Debate on Previously Amended Motion
   - Against motion; concern not with prefix
     - Allowing prefix to go forward would discourage necessary communication between parties interested in this interdisciplinary program
Upon going back to drawing board, hope unified proposal as to what prefix will be and how divvied up among courses could come forward

Would be better environment for students in criminal justice program

Speak for prefix – there is need

This is large program; lots of students taking these courses with identified interest in criminal justice

Need to do what is in best interest of these students

With respect to other issue we heard about, conflicts occur

This is institution that does not make changes fast

Defer to those with more depth of understanding of problem; administrators apparently supported move or faculty would not be there

Conflict will eventually have to be worked out among parties

In meantime, should go ahead and approve criminal justice prefix

Speak for motion – several interdisciplinary programs have own prefix; appropriate for this program as well

Prefix simply one small step as develop program

Enables great deal more in terms of course development; offers flexibility

Probably largest interdisciplinary program on campus, so if any program needs a prefix, this does

Vote on Motion 39-AP-05: In opinion of chair, motion PASSED by University Faculty Senators

TEXT OF AMENDED MOTION

That a new prefix for Criminal Justice (CRMJ), to be overseen by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, be approved

5. Reports of Committees

♦ Executive Committee – Chair Harrison
  • Next meeting December 3, 2002 to discuss options for 2004-2005 calendar with Winterim

♦ Faculty Personnel Committee – Senator Wick
  • Last Tuesday drafted language concerning operational functional equivalents for departmental personnel committees and promotion subcommittees; motion coming forth to this body
  • Next meeting December 3, 2002 to continue work on issues raised on Chapter 5 language

♦ Academic Staff Personnel Committee – Senator Wilcox
  • Met November 7, 2002; discussed
    • Potential changes in election of Academic Staff Representative
    • Language to include academic staff in ‘post-tenure’ review proposal
    • Inclusion of academic staff on nonacademic misconduct hearing committees
  • Next meeting December 12, 2002; will elect next Academic Staff Representative

♦ Academic Policies Committee – Senator Syverson
  • Today passed motion regarding revision of final exam policy; will be coming forward
  • No meeting scheduled at this time
  • Timing on final exam policy not critical

♦ Physical Plant Planning Committee – Senator Stuettgen
  • Next meeting December 6, 2002; agenda to include
    • Parking and transportation services annual report
    • Discussion of Simpson Field/Carson Park issue
    • Davies Center Remodeling Committee progress

♦ Budget Committee – Senator Carpenter
  • Met November 19, 2002; began discussion of process for establishing budget guidelines
    • Hopefully coming forth with resolution about budget planning after continued discussion
  • Next meeting December 3, 2002

♦ Compensation Committee – Senator Gapko
  • Next meeting December 5, 2002 to continue work of four subcommittees

♦ Nominating Committee – No Report

♦ Technology Committee – Senator Lang
  • Next meeting December 3, 2002; taking up intellectual property issue for faculty and academic staff
6. Special Reports – None

7. Miscellaneous Business

A. Academic Policies Committee – First Reading

Report on CRMJ Courses in GE-III-G – Senator Syverson

- Brought forth by criminal justice faculty members through Arts & Science Curriculum Committee and College of Arts & Sciences
  - If criminal justice prefix approved, felt appropriate for courses to be listed under General Education Category III-G (Interdisciplinary Studies – Social Sciences) because criminal justice interdisciplinary and firmly grounded in social sciences
- Response to questions for clarification on content of report
  - Not proposing CRMJ courses go in new GE Category V because that category created for courses crossing GE categories as well as courses within professional colleges
  - Courses interdisciplinary within own GE area go in IDIS within that area
  - Courses considered for general education qualification on course-by-course basis; this just creates framework even though no courses currently approved for this prefix
  - Since went through trouble of inventing Category V, seems we ought to make it possible to put courses in it
    - Could be course from Social Work Department that should fit in Category V
  - Seems whether belongs in GE III, IV, or V should be on course-by-course basis determined by content
- Motion only deals with courses coming in under CRMJ prefix in future; would not apply to Social Work courses under their designation
- Not following why motion is necessary
- Currently in first four GE categories, have specified what disciplines count as A, B, C, or whatever
  - This was attempt to set up framework where seemed appropriate
  - Do have social work course approved in IDIS Category III in same general line; or could be proposed as social work prefix course, appropriate to count for criminal justice program under Category V, so have couple options
  - College of Arts & Sciences proposing this now because last year when approved new dance prefix, didn’t specify where general education courses with that prefix would fit, and had to go through all layers of approval process again
  - Understood placement of courses within general education framework required approval of University Senate

Motion 39-AP-06

Moved and seconded by Academic Policies Committee (10-0) that any course with the CRMJ prefix that meets General Education criteria will be included in General Education Category III-G (Interdisciplinary Studies – Social Sciences)

Debate

- Speak against motion – don’t see what framework buys us
  - When have course with CRMJ prefix, can be brought forward and proposed for appropriate placement in GE framework
  - Don’t understand why categorical broad sweeping approval needs to be done
  - Prefer handling on course-by-course basis when know content
- Women’s Studies and American Indian Studies courses fall into different GE categories depending upon kind of course, so makes sense that interdisciplinary programs be allowed to fall into different categories, including Category V if appropriate
- Would entail going through entire approval process for each course if no framework established
- Historically, University Senate decided where prefixes go in relationship to GE
  - Had Women’s Studies expanded to be included in all categories because offered courses in all categories
  - Makes sense for CRMJ to be within Category III but also may be appropriate within Category V for potentially cross-category courses

Amendment 39-AP-06-a1

Moved by Senator Pederson and seconded to include or Category V at end of motion
Debate
- Amendment would leave placement in those two areas up to University General Education Committee
- Speak against amendment – original proposal has more merit
- Assuming in cases like geography, with courses in both Categories II and III, decision made at point course came forward

Vote on Amendment 39-AP-06-a1: Amendment PASSED by vote of 18 for, 14 against by University Faculty Senators

Continued Debate on Amended Motion
- Need more information about precedents established in assigning courses to a category
- With geography, placement had to do with fact there are physical and cultural courses – one set of courses fits better in natural sciences, the other in social sciences; similar situation with English with some courses fitting in GEI and some in GEIV
  - Don’t know level at which those decisions were made
- In terms of interdisciplinary programs, is precedent
  - Women’s Studies has courses in social sciences and humanities and will be proposing one for Category V

MOTION by Senator Freymiller that rules be suspended to allow item to be voted on today seconded and PASSED

Further Debate
- Not in best interest to vote on this today; need more information
  - If passed, does that mean courses have to go in Category III-G or Category V, or is it prerogative of GE Committee to place courses elsewhere if deemed appropriate?
  - Would be good to wait until we know policy or tradition in these cases
- Coming forward with recommendation for category is how operated in past
  - GE Committee new and coming up with process
  - If we approve this and there were some change in future, would have to come back here; good precedent

MOTION by Senator Mac Briar to lay the motion on the table died for lack of a second

MOTION by Senator Syverson to postpone until the next meeting to allow time to talk to chair of Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee seconded and PASSED

B. Academic Policies Committee – First Reading
Report on University GE Committee Membership and Function Details – Senator Syverson
- Existence of committee already established, just looking at details of function and membership and placement in handbook
- Motion at end of last year stated University General Education Committee was going to have responsibility for general education program; nothing stated where committee to fit into university governance structure
  - APC decided at beginning of semester to let committee meet and propose to us where they see themselves fitting in governance structure
  - Motion came forward from that committee after meeting for about one month
- Proposal would make GE Committee an official University Faculty Committee
  - Language on membership parallels motion passed through Senate last year; this would put in handbook
  - Would also officially state function of committee
- Would require a constitutional change to put committee in constitution; requires ratification by University Faculty
- Responses to questions on content of report
  - Would be University Faculty Committee, not University Senate Committee
    - Committee still reports to APC, but people who serve on committee do not have to be on Senate
  - APC will need to approve criteria brought forth from this committee
    - Once that done, will act like Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee deciding whether individual courses merit GE inclusion
Individual courses will not come to APC, nor to Senate
Just restating way originally approved by Senate
This GE Committee to have authority over general education program that Curriculum Committee of Arts & Sciences currently has
Committee now in process of developing rules they want to play by; those rules will have to be approved by APC and Senate
This not giving GE Committee authority over deciding what prefix would go to various categories; they could recommend they be given that authority, but they can’t give it to themselves
Not an ad hoc committee of Senate; was created as University General Education Committee
Original concern was because approved by Senate, should be Senate Committee
Now seems more appropriate to be University Faculty Committee that would have broad base with criteria brought back to APC and Senate; broadest discussion at first level, then narrow

Motion 39-AP-07
Moved and seconded by Academic Policies Committee (10-0) that
1) The University General Education Committee be established as a University Faculty Committee;
2) Staggered three-year terms for current members begin August 2003 with the first faculty members being replaced in 2004; and
3) The following language be inserted in Chapter 3 of the Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook, The Constitution of the University Faculty and the University Academic Staff, Article One: University Faculty, Section G – University Faculty Committees:

6. University General Education Committee
a. Membership: The committee includes six faculty representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences, two faculty representatives from the College of Business, and one faculty representative from each of the three Schools of the College of Professional Studies. These representatives will be chosen by existing shared governance processes established through the bylaws of the respective schools or colleges. One student, with at least junior standing, will be appointed by the Student Senate President in accordance with customary procedures. Faculty serve staggered three-year terms with approximately one-third of the representatives from each College being elected each year.

b. Function: The University General Education Committee is responsible for recommending criteria for General Education courses. The criteria will be forwarded to the University Senate Academic Policies Committee and the University Senate for approval. The Committee approves courses for inclusion in the General Education Program, periodically reviewing existing general education courses for reapproval.

Debate
This motion operationalizes University General Education committee; places it where it should be with faculty in charge of curriculum
No election until August of 2004 because will be next spring before full faculty can vote to include this as official University Faculty Committee
Made sense not to turn over one-third of committee in May when they have not started work yet
Would start rotation of staggered terms after next election
For motion – impressed by obvious work done to bring this motion forward
As member of APC, support moving forward so committee can begin work
Some question as to whether or not this properly within structure of shared governance; still feel committee would be answerable to this body

Without objection, continued debate and vote on motion will be postponed until next Senate meeting

C. Academic Policies Committee – First Reading
Report on New Minor in Actuarial Science – Senator Syverson
Brought forth by Department of Mathematics
Is current Actuarial Science emphasis offered for mathematics majors; department felt would also be helpful for students in other fields, such as Accounting and Finance and Economics
Minor would allow students from other majors to take these courses and have minor on transcript
All courses, minus one, currently on the books
That one already taught as seminar course; would just need to be developed and officially formalized
Is person interested in putting that one on books and teaching
Proposal has come through Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee and College of Arts & Sciences
Response to question on content of report
Coursework would prepare students to sit for first two professional exams

**Motion 39-AP-08**
Moved and seconded by Academic Policies Committee (10-0) that the creation of an Actuarial Science academic minor to be listed under the Department of Mathematics be approved

Debate
Creation of minor goes forth to System and Regents for information only

MOTION by Senator Syverson that rules be suspended to allow item to be voted on today seconded and PASSED by two-thirds vote

**Vote on Motion 39-AP-08:** Motion PASSED by University Faculty Senators without dissention

D. Academic Policies Committee – First Reading
Report on Renaming English Major and Minors – Senator Syverson
- English Department proposed wording changes because standard terminology has changed over time; wish to have major more aligned with common usage of terms at other universities and in working world
- For minor in liberal arts, proposed wording would better describe focus of minor
  - When minor put on books, was about only minor out there and everyone knew it focused on literature
- Proposal approved by English Curriculum Committee, Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee and College of Arts & Sciences

**Motion 39-AP-09**
Moved and seconded by Academic Policies Committee (10-0) that the following name changes to the English Major and Minors be made:

1) The Major: Liberal Arts, Technical Writing (Code: 540-207) be changed to Major: Liberal Arts, Scientific and Technical Writing (Code: 540-207)

Debate
Doesn’t say English Literature because not exclusive to literature from Britain

MOTION by Senator Smiar that rules be suspended to allow item to be voted on today seconded and PASSED without dissention

**Vote on Motion 39-AP-09:** Motion PASSED by University Faculty Senators without dissention

8. Announcements – None

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. without objection

Wanda Schulner
Secretary to the University Senate