

**Faculty Senate Agenda
Friday, April 20, 2012
2:00-4:00 pm Liberal Arts Conference Room**

Meeting secretary: Dr. Brandon Field

Minutes from Faculty Senate meeting April 13, 2012.

Update from Dr. Ron Rochon, Provost.

Update from Dr. Kent Scheller on Commission for Higher Education.

Report from Dr. Steven Williams, Acting Faculty Senate Chair

New Business

1. Approval of Senate governance language
2. Selection of Senate Chair for 2012-13
3. Reports from standing committees
4. Deliberation of Core Curriculum Review Task Force report
5. Review of proposed Anthropology major program

Next meeting: August Retreat

Faculty Senate Meeting: 20 April 2012
LA Conference room. Meeting called to order about 2pm.

Senators present: Steven Williams (Interim Chair), Brandon Field (acting secretary), Stephen Zehr, Daria Sevastianova, Kent Scheller, Brian Posler, Wayne Rinks, Cindy Deloney-Marino, Jennifer Williams, Ron Rochon

Visitors present: Ann White, Dane Partridge, Wes Durham, Michael Dixon, Mark Krahling, Joe Wingo, Ronda Priest, Paul Parkinson

Minutes approved from last meeting based on circulated amendments.

No update from the Kent on Commission of Higher Ed.

No update from Dr. Rochon.

Update from Steven Williams, Interim Chair:

- Misunderstanding from people who read the unapproved minutes from last meeting with regard to our discussion of the CAP courses. Senate has never taken up the idea of the removing the CAP courses from the Core. The concern is that a high school student who took a CAP course, if the CAP course does not get incorporated into the new Core, that student will arrive on campus under the new Core and the credit that he or she has will not count toward the new core. This is a temporary problem, since as soon as the new Core is in place, the CAP courses will satisfy the new Core, but something will have to be done to accommodate the students in the midst of the transition.
- Has sent out election information to call for nominations. Has told the new structures to the Deans, for them to conduct their college elections.
 - Promotions Committee requirement that the At-Large members should be Full Professor in rank.
 - Has received some nominations.
 - Will follow up on the elections that need to happen, even after the semester concludes.
- There are still outstanding reports from Senate subcommittees. We will need to deal with these reports when they come in, possibly next year.
- Thanks for your patience during this semester that he served as chair.
- Today: Would like to have a statement on the part of the Senate with regard to the timeline of implementation of the new Core.
 - Suggests that the original timeline is unrealistic; populating the Core would not be feasible by Fall of 2013.
 - Would like to figure out what to retain from this model of the Core, and what would need to be worked on and be able to report to the Faculty at large about what the rest of the process will be.

Business:

- New governance structure of the Senate. Document had been circulated with language inserted by Brandon. Move approval: Wayne. Second: Stephen Zehr. Unanimously approved.
 - Next step: The next Senate will need to take a referendum that requires a majority of approval of voting-eligible faculty. (Not a majority vote, but the majority of voting-eligible faculty needs to approve it!) The next Chair should make this clear to the faculty at the Fall Meeting.
 - Assuming it passes, it would then go to the Board of Trustees for approval.

- Standard procedure is that we pick a new Chair for the next year at the conclusion of this year. However, with the College elections not having taken place, this year might be a good time to make an exception. Moved that we postpone election of the new Chair until the Fall retreat: Kent, seconded: Brandon.
 - It is important that the place of Chair not be vacant in the summer and for the Faculty Meeting as well. The current (or interim) Chair will fulfill the duties until the new Chair is selected.
 - Motion is unanimously approved.
- Standing Committees:
 - The reports that we don't received in a timely fashion, we cannot address.
 - The Curriculum Committee has a meeting scheduled for next week; they were not able to get all their work done by now.
 - We have reports from: Assessment, Economic Benefits (just received today, not everyone has had time to review), Promotions, FASTRC
 - Do not have: Faculty Affairs, Grievance (did not meet), Student Affairs, Curriculum
 - Motion to accept the promotions report, as amended at the last meeting: Passed unanimously.
 - Assessment Committee: Move that we receive the report: Wayne. Second: Jennifer. Unanimously approved.
 - FASTRC report: Wayne: Move to receive, Kent: Second. With regard to naming all the people who were considered for awards, we think that the additional names should not be included. Wayne amended his motion to remove the names of individuals who were not awarded and remove the rankings of the awardees. Amendment seconded by Kent. We would also like to communicate to the Chair of the FASTRC Committee that names of everyone considered are not necessary, although the numbers of people considered should be included in the final report. Passed unanimously.
 - Economic Benefits report was received too recently for consideration of all the recommendations, however some of them were brought up:
 - Wayne moved that we act on the third item in their report regarding the pay period change to accommodate new faculty. Kent seconded. This is a widely agreed necessity. RR has talked with Mark R. about this and there is complexity with regard to making the changed pay schedule work for the whole campus. RR is optimistic that we will be able to do something with regard to the new faculty, even without making the whole payroll change. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Wayne also moved that we endorse the recommendation regarding the one hour overload (their recommendation is that we compensate anything above 12 hours), Kent seconded. Unanimously passed.
- Anthropology major request: Moved to approve: Kent, second: Wayne. Dr. Ronda Priest was present to take questions.
 - Number of hours in the program: RP: 120 with current core, additional hours available from proposed core could be filled with electives.
 - No additional faculty lines are needed to support this major.
 - It was noted that it is important to have the narrative from employers when it goes to Indianapolis. Decisions seem to be made based on employability and advancement to the next level of education.
 - The question of FTE hours for "lab" courses is in accord with the current policy in Liberal Arts College; differences between colleges is a discussion that should take place between deans and with provost.

- Motion was unanimously approved.
- Core Task Force Report business:
 - Wayne would like to move that we reconsider the change of Social Inquiry to Social Science in the Ways of Knowing box (not the BS box) topic because we did not entertain as much discussion as we could have at the last meeting. (Only in the Ways of Knowing Category). Brandon seconded. Motion passed with one objection, no abstentions.
 - Brian: the intent of that category is that it be familiar to the Social Science C2 category of the current Core. It was not intended to deviate from the current C2 category, but the Ways of Knowing was inserted. The decision for "Inquiry" over "Science" was decided to give it a little more breadth, but not a lot of discussion was made in the distinction.
 - The ultimate decision would be made by the implementation: the core council.
 - Wayne moves that we move the Way of Knowing Social Science Category back to Social Inquiry. Jennifer seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion passed: one opposed, one abstention.
 - Stephen proposed new language for the Social Science category in the BS: "Students demonstrate an understanding of theoretically grounded social science methodology as a means for examining individual development, social interaction and social behavior in the organization of political, religious, social, and economic groups and institutions."
 - Seconded by someone. Unanimously approved.
 - Kent moved that we remove the caveat at the bottom restricting that the Ways of Knowing cannot satisfy the Writing Intensive and the Global and Diversity. Cindy seconded.
 - Brian: Idea was that the different features should be substantial portions of the course and they will each require assessment. It would be a burden on a single faculty member to have to meet this many assessment goals and objectives.
 - By this restriction, it excludes the courses that use a writing-intensive methodology to deliver a globalization course. Discussion ensued, including one example of a global Economics course that Daria teaches uses a writing-intensive format.
 - Motion passed: one opposed, one abstention.
 - Stephen moves to change the wording of Social Inquiry category (within Ways of Knowing): "Students demonstrate an understanding of individual development, social interaction, and social behavior in the organization of political, religious, social and economic groups and institutions." Kent seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - Kent moved to change the wording of the Ways of Knowing category specifications to: "a minimum of twelve hours with one course from each of four categories." Wayne seconded.
 - Current wording tacitly assumes all courses in the categories are three-credit hours.
 - Passed unanimously.
 - Stephen moved that students be required to take a course from each of the six Ways of Knowing categories instead of just four. Motion failed for want of a second.
 - Wayne: Move that we accept the Ways of Knowing, Jennifer seconded. Unanimously approved.

- The discussion of the Core has not been completed. An additional Senate meeting will be 11am on the 25th of April for lunch. Core task members please RSVP to Steven.

Meeting adjourned, ten minutes before 5pm, by acclamation.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brandon Field, acting secretary.