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MINUTES
Meeting of the 2003-2004 Senate
September 25, 2003 - 11:30
Science Building, Room 102

1. **The meeting was called to order by David Snowball, chair, at 11:30 a.m. Roll was taken.** Members unable to attend John Hildreth, Mary Em Kirn, Dara Wegman-Geedy, and Kevin Geedey. Excused absence: Kristy Nabhan-Warren.
2. **Upon a motion by Dave Hill and second by Bob Haak, the minutes of the May 8, 2003 were approved.**
3. **Report from the Educational Policies Committee - Dean Ellen Hay**
 - a. **Physical Education: Proposal to eliminate the P1-P2 requirement. Seconded** by Tom Bengtson and was **approved**. The change is being made to facilitate the transition to the new Gen Ed requirements, which will not have a P1-P2 distinction.
 - b. **Physical Education: Proposal to add PE 236 Movement for Educators/1 credit. Seconded** by Pam Druger and was **approved**. The new course introduces several forms of dance and movement to enhance classroom teaching methods and promote student learning.
 - c. **Women and Gender Studies: Proposal to modify the minor requirements. Seconded** by Roger Crossley and was **approved**. Because of changes in faculty, three courses (BA303, BA405, WL208) were dropped from the “complementary course” list and one (SP210) was added.
 - d. **General Education: Proposed goals and guidelines for Learning Perspectives. Seconded** by Mark Vincent and was **approved**. The faculty as a whole passed the goal statements for each LP. The Gen Ed committee developed a series of specific guidelines to help guide the development and approval of new LP courses.

Norm Moline expressed concern with the proviso “that teachers in more than a few departments will be willing, able, and encouraged to offer courses in more than one Learning Perspective.” He is concerned that this might encourage faculty to offer courses in LPs outside of their professional expertise; the quality of a students’ education might suffer as a result. Dean Hay noted that this proviso was included in the Gen Ed package already passed by the faculty; it was not part of the guidelines offered by Gen Ed. Some discussion ensued, but no amendments were proposed.
 - e. **General Education: Proposal goals and guidelines for “new” suffixes. Seconded** by Jayne Rose and was **approved**. The faculty as a whole passed the requirements for each new suffix. The Gen Ed committee developed a series of specific guidelines to help guide the assignment of the new suffixes.
 - f. **General Education: Proposal for transition of “old” suffixes to the new system. Seconded** by Darrin Good and was **approved**. Existing suffixed courses will be assigned “new” suffixes by Gen Ed, pending EPC and Senate approval. For the next

three years, courses will need to fulfill requirements in both systems. New courses will be assigned "old" system suffixes by EPC. The EPC representative will notify members of the division/cluster of the designation. If a majority of the membership of the division/cluster object, the course will then be considered by the division/cluster for recommendation to EPC. will become involved only when their EPC representative objects to the new course's suffix.

4. **Report from the Office of the Dean of the College** – Dean Ellen Hay discussed the NCA Accreditation Review which will be conducted in early 2006. She outlined the following timetable for the North Central visit:

- Gather information (2003-04)
- Select members for a steering committee (September, 2004)
- Gather information and write report (2004-05)
- Finalize report (Summer 2005)
- Report to Board of Trustees (October, 2005)
- Visit (early 2006)

Jim Winship moved that the Administration provide a brief summary of the strengths and weaknesses identified in the 1995-96 report. **Seconded** by Gary Mann and **approved**.

Ellen Hay provided revised Criteria for Accreditation. She mentioned two major changes from the 1996 accreditation: (1) that our presentation to the NCA must be much more heavily data-driven and (2) that we are expected to demonstrate a culture of assessment already in place. Faculty will be required to provide updated CVs including service activities.

5. **Report from the Office of the President of the College** – President Steven Bahls discussed his First Year Goals, the Search for a new Dean of the College, and the need for Strategic Planning. He wants to ensure that Faculty, Administration, and the Board of Trustees operate from the same agenda.

6. **Report from the Office of Enrollment Management** - Rescheduled for next meeting.

7. **Announcements**

Jim Winship announced the International Opportunity Fair. Representatives from foreign term programs sponsored by other institutions, service projects, and post-graduate programs including the JET program will be present.

Jim Winship introduced the retired ambassador from Yugoslavia to Cyprus, Petar Boskovic. Mr. Boskovic is a graduate of Dickinson College and is visiting Augustana.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m. on a **motion** by Pam Druger and **seconded** by Chris Marme'.

Respectfully Submitted
Connie Ghinazzi and Robert Grenier
Secretary