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MINUTES
Faculty Senate
Thursday, November 3, 1994
Board Room, College Center
12:00 noon

1. **The Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Jim Winship, Chair. Roll was taken.** Members unable to attend: Dan Lee, Charlie Mahaffey, John Hildreth, Megan Quinn, Chuck Hyser, Liz Falconer, Kathleen McInerney, and Randall Schroeder.

2. Upon a Motion by Ralph Troll, seconded by Mike Finnemann, the **Minutes for the meeting of October 6, 1994, were approved with the following changes:**

Page 2, Paragraph 5, first subparagraph

Delete the sentence "Since then we have been re-classified, and now we are more comparable."

Page 3, Paragraph 4(b), first subparagraph after (3)

Amend the last sentence to read: "The matter will be considered by Faculty Welfare."

Page 4, Paragraph 7(a)

Amend the paragraph to read as follows:

"(a) NCA Accreditation -- Dean Selbyg

"Two committees have been formed to prepare materials for NCA: a self-study report committee and an assessment plan committee. The accreditation visit will be in October 1995."

3. Report from AS&D -- Ralph Troll

The list of candidates for fall term graduation was presented, pending completion of all requirements, with the following additions and deletions:

The name of Chun-Te Yeh was removed.

The name of Robert Glen Smith was added.

The list of candidates receiving honors was also presented. Those students receiving honors are: Christina Maria Ferreyra, Wesley Ray Fowler, Jenny Charlotta Danielson, and Jenny M. Engstrom. These students all earned cum laude honors.

A general discussion followed. Members of the AS&D committee expressed concern that so many more students are earning honors. At issue is the possibility that 'honors' are becoming less important, or deflated, with more and more students actually earning honors. Suggestions included only giving honors to the top 25%, or raising the limits/cutoffs for cum laude, summa cum laude and magna cum laude.

The current limits for honors are: 3.5 for cum laude, 3.75 for summa cum laude, and 3.9 for magna cum laude. The criteria set for cum laude are long established and are listed on page 36 of the college catalog. A question was raised as to whether or not we are bound by this number, or if it can be changed. It was also suggested that our legal counsel review the catalog to see if we are legally bound by this number, and possibly remove it and revise the numbers.

Additionally, current average grades are about 3.1 or 3.2. In 1971, the total number of students receiving honors was 14.6%, and in 1972, 13.2% received honors. In 1992 this percentage reached an all-time high of 27.7%; 27.3% in 1993, and 27.1% in 1994.

Any thoughts or suggestions are welcome and should be directed to AS&D.

4. Recommendations from EPC -- Arne Selbyg

(a) New courses in the Department of Classics and Asian Languages:

Add:

HB 100-101-102 Elementary Hebrew / 2+2+2 credits
An introduction to the Hebrew of the Hebrew Bible.
By the end of the third term, students will be able
to read the text of the Hebrew Bible with the aid of lexicons
(Professor Haak).

This does not include 103, so students cannot fulfill graduation requirements. This course is provided as a 'help' to students. It will probably be taught approximately every third year with 6-8 students.

Seconded by Joe Wine and **approved**.

(b)**New course in the Department of Religion:**

Add:

RE 353[H,R,C]

Religions of East Asia: China and Japan / 3 credits
(Asian Term only)

An exploration of the emergence, development and interrelationships of major East Asian religious traditions (Professor Salgado).

Seconded by Bob Haak and **approved**.

(c)**New curriculum in the Department of Philosophy.**

(See Attachments #2 and #3 to the Agenda for complete course descriptions)

Add:

PL 101[H] God, Self and World / 3 credits

PL 105[H] Value and Obligations / 3 credits

PL 310 Modern Formal Logic / 3 credits

PL 324[H] Moral and Political Philosophy / 3 credits

PL 340[H] Classics of Western Thought / 3 credits

PL 342[H] Contemporary Analytical Philosophy / 3 credits

PL 140 Ancient Philosophy / 3 credits

PL 142 Modern Philosophy / 3 credits

Drop:

PL 100[H] Introduction to Philosophy / 3 credits

PL 115 Modern Formal Logic / 3 credits

PL 241[H] Classical Philosophy / 3 credits

PL 243[H] Hume, Kant and Nineteenth-Century Philosophy
/ 3 credits

PL 313[H] Social and Political Philosophy / 3 credits

PL 345[H] History of Ethical Theories / 3 credits
PL 240 Ancient Philosophy / 3 credits
PL 242 Modern Philosophy / 3 credits

Note: Attachment #2, last paragraph: the last sentence 'Students may repeat the course for credit if the readings have changed' should be **deleted**.

Upon a **motion** by Dave Hill, **seconded** by Susan Zickmund, the above course curriculum was **approved**.

(d)**New suffix 'L' for CN 203 and CN 303 (Intermediate and Advanced Chinese)**. **Seconded** by Roger Crossley and **approved**.

(e)**Add suffix 'S' for FS 210 Family Life / 3 credits**. **Seconded** by Marilyn Hoover and **approved**.

(f)**Changes in title and description of AN 410**.

Special Topics Seminar: Advanced Issues in Anthropology / 3 credits, will replace the present AN 410, which has never been offered. This will be a rotating seminar which considers special or advanced topics in anthropology.

The new description will not be as restrictive as the old one, and it will cover a wide area of topics. **Seconded** by Dave Dehnel and **approved**.

5. **Committee Work in Progress -- Jim Winship**

(a)AS&D is working on the honors question (as previously discussed in Paragraph 3 of these Minutes).

(b)EPC -- Arne Selbyg

A three-page policy re: students with learning disabilities will be sent out with the next Agenda.

(c)EPC -- Arne Selbyg

A proposal re: articulation agreements regarding transfer students was presented to EPC - no action was taken.

(d)Nominations and Rules Committee -- Taddy Kalas

Nominations for three committee appointments were made:

Internship/Cooperative Education Committee:

Cecilia Vogel

Permanent Art Collection:

Narendra Subramanian

Nirmala Salgado

Seconded by Peter Xiao and **approved**.

(e)Assessment -- Ellen Hay

Divisions are beginning to meet on this. Departments are to define their objectives, and examine whether and how these goals are met. This process is to take the college's Mission Statement into account.

6. Report on the last Board Meeting -- Jim Winship

The board meeting was held two weeks ago.

- (a) John Kindschuh was appointed Senior Vice President in recognition of his work.
- (b) An architect was selected for the new science center:
Ellenzweig Associates from Massachusetts.
- (c) New board members were elected: John Dahl, Reverend Ellis Eskritt, Doug Hultquist, and Robert Mitchum.
- (d) Discussion and information to the Board re: a proposal to Olin Foundation for a grant proposal for an education technology center (math/computer science/ computer center).
- (e) Continuing discussion re: Carlsson Hall and its utilization and renovation, i.e. new residence hall space and possible space for music departments.

(f) As a result of marketing efforts, there is now a new billboard showing the landscape of Augustana with the word 'brilliant' across the top. It is very striking and well done.

(g) William Freistat issued a challenge grant and will match the first \$100,000 of new or increased gifts to Augustana.

7. Announcements -- Jim Winship

(a) Java 101 -- Suzan McGinnis

The grand opening is going very well. This Friday at 3:30 p.m. is the kick-off of 'First Friday'.

Suzan is looking for sponsors for these Fridays. The Provost's Office is the sponsor this Friday. Dean Selbyg is passing out coupons for free coffee for the first 25 full-time faculty; all are invited to attend.

(b)Re: the listserv, we have been assured by Andy in the Computer Center that this will be put in place and ready to go by next Monday. A description of how to use the listserv will be posted on the bulletin board by Doug Nelson. Randall Schroeder will be the gatekeeper for anonymous postings.

(c)A discussion draft of the Mission Statement is beginning to circulate to committees, then will be sent to the faculty-at-large at the end of the term or early in the winter term. EPC will discuss the Mission Statement in the near future. Copies of the Mission Statement are available.

8. Other Business

Jon Clauss does not want to receive hard copies of meeting and agenda packets anymore. Deb Kaller will keep a list; anyone else who doesn't want to receive these packets should let her know. Dave Dehnel also asked to be added to the list.

Ellen Hay requested that new or continuing sequence proposals are needed by December 1st.

9. Upon a **motion** by Dave Dehnel and **seconded** by David Crowe, the **meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.**

Tamara Felden
Secretary