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Minutes

Faculty Senate
Thursday, November 6, 1997
12:00 p.m.
John Deere Lecture Hall

1. **The Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Janis Lonergan.**

Roll was taken: Members unable to attend: Daniel Lee, Paul Olsen, Roald Tweet, Barbara Doyle-Wilch, Michael Finnemann, Catherine Goebel, Eddie Mabry, Deborah Hamilton, Chuck Hyser, Lori Scott. Excused absence: Michael Green.

2. Upon **motion** by Jane Borelli and **seconded** by Vicki Sommer the **Minutes of the October 2, 1997 Faculty Senate** meeting were approved.
3. **Report from Advanced Standing and Degrees** - Mike Kirn

Mike Kirn presented the list of candidates for fall graduation, pending completion of all requirements, and presented the list of students earning honors. Kwame Bamfo-Agyei's name was removed from the Candidates for Graduation list. Three students earned summa cum laude honors: Erin J. Block, Jacquelyn I. Foster and Beth A. Miller. One student earned magna cum laude honors: Marianna R. Beattie. One student earned cum laude honors: Kelly M. Zmich.

Seconded by Bob Tallitsch and **approved**.

4. **Report from EPC** - David Snowball

Second area credit for Women's Studies courses

- (a) **Motion by EPC that suffixed courses in Women's Studies be accepted as second areas in distribution categories.**

Seconded by Jane Borelli.

Dave Hill **moved** and Peter Kivisto **seconded** to postpone consideration of the motion, to take time to rethink and clarify if it will add an area of study to Philosophy, Religion and History.

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Substitute Motion: The Proposal be returned to EPC pending consideration of the motion by the relevant divisions.

Seconded by Peter Kivisto.

The discussion of this proposal focused on whether interdisciplinary courses such as WS or LS should be recognized as second areas. Some argued that these were established areas of studies while others contended that courses in Women's Studies or Liberal Studies were similar to the department based courses already recognized. It was noted that Logos and Foundations courses were considered a second area and set a precedent. It was also mentioned that EPC is considering general education revision.

Bob Tallitsch **moved** to call the question and Heidi Storl **seconded** it. The **substitute motion** was voted on and it was **not approved**.

Original **motion** was **approved**.

(b) **Motion by EPC that the Supportive Services subcommittee of EPC is abolished, effective immediately.**

Seconded by Ralph Troll and **approved**.

(c) **Motion by EPC that the designation "functional major" be eliminated and that courses of study now so designated be added to the list of "interdisciplinary majors," effective with the 1998-2000 catalog.**

Seconded by Karin Johnson and **approved**.

(d) **Motion by EPC that interdisciplinary majors and minors adopt, in consultation with the administration, a formal governance structure which includes no fewer than three faculty members from no fewer than two departments. This motion would be effective by the end of winter term, 1997-98.**

Seconded by Norm Moline.

The discussion of this motion centered around the need for an advisory committee.

Bob Tallitsch made a **motion** that **they send it back to EPC**. It was **seconded** by Ralph Troll.

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Discussion of substitute motion:

It was argued that advising these majors takes considerable training and expertise. Concerns were also expressed that programs involved were not consulted by EPC. It was noted, however, that other interdisciplinary programs such as Asian Studies have worked quite effectively with this committee structure. Providing more expanded governance can help to strengthen the major.

Substitute motion was not approved.

Dave Hill called the question.

The **original motion** was **approved**.

The remainder of the agenda was postponed until the next Senate meeting.

A **motion** was made by Dave Hill and **seconded** by Lendol Calder to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 12:50.

Sue Williams
Secretary

