

**Academic Affairs Meeting**  
**April 16, 2008**  
**Mortimer Hall-Room 130**  
**3:00-5:00 p.m.**

1. **Members Attending:** Dr. David Sammeth, Dr. Jill Baker, Ms. Leslie Broughton, Dr. Jean Hill, Dr. John Jeffries, Faculty Senate, Dr. Linda LaGrange, Dr. Brandon Kempner, Dr. Yongseek Kim, Dr. Jennifer Lindline, Professor David Lobdell, Dr. Mario Rodriguez, and Dr. Lee Stauffer and Dr. Margaret Young.

**Ex-Officio Members:** Mr. John Coca

**Absent:** Ms. Stephanie Butts, Student Senate Secretary, Dr. John Hayes, Dr. Gil Gallegos, Dr. Joan Gallini, and Dr. Carolyn Newman.

**Others Present:** Dr. Veronica Saunero-Ward, Dr. Steven Williams and Dr. Andrew Israel.

Dr. David Sammeth asked each member their status on the Committee: Continuing on the Committee: Professor David Lobdell, Dr. Mario Rodriguez and Dr. Brandon Kempner, Those members that have completed their 2-year service: Dr. David Sammeth, Dr. Lee Stauffer, Dr. John Jeffries, Dr. Jill Baker, Dr. Yongseek Kim and Dr. Margaret Young. Leslie Broughton and Dr. Jennifer Lindline (replaced Dr. Bentson) will verify continuity. Need verification from the members that were absent.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Dr. Jill Baker made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 9.3. Additions to Major – Professor David Lobdell. Dr. Margaret Young seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of April 2, 2008 Minutes** Dr. Brandon Kempner made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Dr. Jill Baker seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.
4. **Report from Dr. Linda LaGrange, Graduate Studies & Research.**  
Dr. Linda LaGrange reported that VP Rivera's mother passed away last week. She reported that Dr. Rivera returned on Tuesday and has been in Budget Hearings every day from 8:00-5:00 p.m.
5. **Report from Registrar – Mr. John Coca, Registrar –** No report at this time.
6. **Report from Subcommittees, Undergraduate, Graduate and Ballen Endowment.**  
**Undergraduate Committee:** Nothing to report at this time.  
**Graduate Committee:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Ballen Endowment Committee:** Dr. Brandon Kempner reported the University's Legal Counsel indicated that the person brought on campus through the endowment would have to come for 2 weeks, instead of a 1-week span.

**NMHU Centers:** Dr. Margaret Young reported that two subcommittees met in May and will have a recommendation on the policy to the Administration in the summer.

## **7. Old Business**

### **7.1. Academic Calendar: Time between terms, fall recess? Start and End dates of Term?**

Dr. David Sammeth indicated that Vice President Rivera had requested that the Academic Affairs Committee review the proposed changes to the Academic Calendar. After discussion of the Academic Calendar, Dr. John Jeffries made a motion to leave the Academic Calendar as it currently stands. Dr. Jean Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment 1)**

### **7.2. English: a) Elimination of Composition Workshops and b) Revision to the English Major Curriculum.**

Dr. Brandon Kempner indicated that the English department wishes to discontinue the labs for ENGL 100 and ENGL 111. Dr. Kempner provided a list of reasons for their decision.

In addition to the elimination of the composition workshops, Dr. Kempner also provided the changes to the English Major Curriculum. Students would have to take at least 1 course in grammar linguistics or rhetoric. Students majoring in English and Minor in Secondary Education must enroll in English 317.

After discussion, Dr. Jill Baker made a motion to approve the Elimination of the Composition Workshops and the Revision to the English Major Curriculum. Dr. John Jeffries seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment 2)**

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 Request for Approval of Graduating Students (list provided by Registrar)**

Dr. David Sammeth provided a graduating list (via the Registrar's Office) of students that have been cleared for the Spring Commencement 2008. **(Attachment 3)**

### **8.2. Masters of Arts in Public Affairs – New Concentration in History Proposed**

Dr. Steven Williams presented the proposal for a new concentration in History in the existing Public Affairs Master's Program. Dr. Williams provided the committee with the purpose as well as the objectives of the concentration. **(Attachment 4)**

After discussion of the proposed Concentration in History, Dr. Margaret Young made a motion to approve it. Dr. Jill Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.3. Proposed Changes to the Language Program**

Dr. Veronica Saunero-Ward presented the revisions to Spanish 202 – Intermediate Spanish 2 Intensive Review of the Elements of Grammar. Dr. Saunero-Ward proposed two new courses in Spanish 3XX – Spanish for Written Communication 2 and SPAN 3XX-Introduction to Hispanic Literature. Dr. Saunero-Ward stated that the Languages and Literature discipline conducted an evaluation on the Spanish majors and minors and the results show that the skills do not meet those of other institutions. **(Attachment 5)**

After discussion of the proposed changes, Dr. Jill Baker made a motion to approve the proposed changes to Spanish. Dr. Margaret Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.4. Proposed First-Year Experience Course**

Dr. Jean Hill provided a summary of a survey done on the First-Year Experience Course. **(Attachment 6)**

**8.5. Major in Art, Liberal Arts and Pre-Professional (BFA)**

Professor Lobdell presented a request to revise the Major in Art, Liberal Arts and the Pre-Professional (BFA). He indicated that faculty in Media Arts recognize the need for training in electronic media for the purpose of presenting and documenting artwork. These changes would provide the students an opportunity to experiment and develop their skills through multiple media work.

After discussion of the changes, Dr. David Kempner made a motion to approve the changes. Dr. Jill Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment 7)**

**8.6. DSM for Clinicians-Social Work**

Dr. Jill Baker presented a request to revise CRN 601-DSM for Clinicians. She indicated that this course would be offered to students in the MSW Clinical Concentration and will substitute for the current SW 642 Advanced Social Policy.

After discussion of the revised change, Dr. Margaret Young made a motion to approve the change. Dr. Jill Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment 8)**

**8.7. Move to the Committee as a Whole: Program Review and Academic Advising.**

Dr. David Sammeth requested to go into the Committee as a Whole. Dr. Lee Stauffer made a motion to go into the Meeting of the Whole. Professor Lobdell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Adjournment** – Dr. Lee Stauffer made a motion to adjourn. Professor David Lobdell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.