

Academic Affairs Meeting  
April 30, 2008  
Mortimer Hall-Room 130  
3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

**Ex-Officio Members:**

**Absent:** Mr. John Coca, Ms. Stephanie Butts, Student Senate Secretary, Dr. John Hayes, Dr. Gil Gallegos, Professor David Lobdell, Dr. Mario Rodriguez, Dr. Margaret Young and Dr. Carolyn Newman

**Others Present:** Dr. Edward Harrington, Dr. Joseph Cooney and Professor Robert Woods

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Dr. Jill Baker made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Lee Stauffer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of April 16, 2008 not available.
4. **Report from Dr. Linda LaGrange, Graduate Studies & Research.**  
No report at this time.
5. **Report from Registrar – Mr. John Coca, Registrar:** No report at this time.
6. **Old Business:** No old business to discuss
7. **Undergraduate Program Reviews: Committee Recommendations for the following programs.**
  - 7.1. **Computational Engineering Undergraduate Program Review**  
Dr. David Sammeth reported he spoke with Dr. Gil Gallegos, and that there was no report available for Computational Engineering.  
  
After discussion of the Computational Engineering Program Review, Dr. Jean Hill made a motion in the form of a recommendation to discontinue the Computational Engineering Program and add the development of a 3 + 2 program. Dr. Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken, there were 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion passes.
  - 7.2. **Native American/Hispano Cultural Studies Minor Undergraduate Program Review**  
Dr. Jean Hill reported the Subcommittee for the NAH/Hispano Cultural Studies Minor agrees with a motion in the form of a recommendation to agree with the conclusion

department of Humanities which states that, “the NAH minor should be replaced by a Cultural Studies Minor or Ethnic Studies Minor.” Dr. Jill Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken, there were 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

**7.3. Forensic Science Program Undergraduate Program Review**

Dr. John Jeffries and Dr. Brandon Kempner reported that the program, which began in 2006, has not been given a fair chance to succeed. Other concerns were raised that the program has insufficient staffing, it’s a rigorous program. It was suggested that perhaps it could be considered a minor instead of a major.

After discussion of the Forensic Science Program Undergraduate Program Review, Dr. Jean Hill made a motion in the form of a recommendation to do another search and have the program brought back for review in two years.

**7.4. Sight Singing**

Dr. Joseph Cooney provided a request to add a new class entitled, Sight Singing. The course is designed to enable the student to sing written melodies at first sight without the aid of a musical instrument.

After discussion of the proposed course, Dr. Jean Hill made a motion to approve the course. Dr. Joan Gallini seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**7.5. The American Horror Film**

Professor Robert Woods provided a request to add a new course entitled, The American Horror Film. The purpose of the course is to develop skills in Theatrical analysis as an elective in Media Arts and as part of the new minor in Theatre.

After discussion, Dr. John Jeffries made a motion to approve the course. Dr. Jean Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Adjournment** – Dr. Jean Hill made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Jill Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.