

Academic Affairs Meeting
FEBRUARY 17, 2010
3:00 PM-5:00 PM –
STUDENT SENATE CHAMBERS

1. **Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm by Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Ken Bentson, Members Attending:** Dr. Jill Baker, Dr. Ken Bentson, Ms. Leslie Broughton, Dr. Joan Gallini, Dr. Brandon Kempner, Dr. Pete LeRoy, Dr. Emmanuel Nkwenti, Dr. Mario Rodriguez, Dr. Arlie Tagayuna, Dr. Caroline Newman (proxy for Jim Burns), Dr. John Jeffries, Dr. Andre Garcia-Nuthman, Dr. Kristie Ross, and Dr. Mary Shaw

Ex-Officio Members: Dr. Linda LaGrange and Mr. John Coca

Absent: Dr. Luis Ortiz

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Dr. Shaw made a motion to table item 7.3 due to lack of time. B. Kempner moved to approve the agenda as modified. Ms. Leslie Broughton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of December 2, 2009 Minutes:**
Dr. Jill Baker moved approval. Dr. Jim Burns seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Approval of January 20, 2010 Minutes: Dr. Mary Shaw moved approval. Dr. Jim Burns seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously
4. **Report from Dr. Linda LaGrange, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.**
No report at this time.
5. **Report from Registrar – Mr. John Coca, Registrar**
Mr. Coca reported spring enrollment was up by 126 students with a 1.8% increase in student credit hours. Early registration for summer will start March 1, 2010. The call for the fall schedule will be made soon. Commencement will be May 8.
6. **Report from Subcommittees, Undergraduate, Graduate and Ballen Endowment.**
Undergraduate Committee: Nothing pending at this time.
Graduate Committee: Needs a new chair and member because Dr. Bentson has stepped down since becoming Academic affair chair.
Ballen Endowment Committee: Still no money to disburse.
Centers: Joan Gallini reported 50 new applicants for student teaching
- 7 **Old Business**
 - 7.1 **HED program review of Southwest Studies MA** – concentrations in Political Science (Dr. Peter Linder), Hispanic Language and Literature (Dr. Carmen Vidal-Liberman), Anthropology (Dr. Orit Tamir), presentation and discussion ensued.

The presentation was introduced by saying that there have been Institutional shifts/colleges/personnel that have negatively impacted the program 2001 program review suggestions for improvement started but not followed up Dr. Peter Linder said he wants it to continue with 2001 suggestions implemented. Dr. Orit Tamir stated that core courses not offered at 600 level, so must substitute short of 600 courses. Want separate program to have students more specific work. Maybe part of both, need central coordination. Dr. Carmen Vidal-Liberman, indicated that students want separate program but limited opportunity.

Centralize leadership and have more flexibility with core courses.

Coordinators for the interdisciplinary programs. Ask for 25% release for coordinator. Deans “appoint” coordinators. Might be able to individuate programs.

Dr. Benston advised the committee that we had 3 choices of recommendations. 1) Continuation, 2) Continuation with enhancements (changes), 3) discontinuation. Results of a written ballot were: Continuation – 3, Continuation with Enhancements – 7, Discontinuation – 2. Dr. Bentson will forward the results, along with comments, to the Faculty Senate.

7.2 Course and Program Proposal Guidance Document

The courses and program proposal guidance document will be sent out again with notes to the Deans.

8 New Business

8.1. Faculty Senate Charge – Review responsibilities of Academic Affairs Committee and workload

After a discussion, Dr. Brandon Kempner made a motion to approve. Dr. Jim J Burns seconded the motion. The Faculty Handbook be amended, such that Academic appeals would be sent to a different committee. Motion passes with 1 abstention

8.2. Directed Studies Courses – Announcement and sequence number – discussion and clarification by Mr. John Coca. Courses needed by students, but not offered in a particular semester should be given a number of X93 and the title of the course.

8.3. Should we revisit the Core Curriculum?

After a brief discussion we agreed to look at the issue again in the fall to see if revisions were in order.

8.4 Social Work Courses

Dr. Jill Baker said that Social Work wanted to change Social Work 446 from a senior course to a junior course and renumber it to 346 for curriculum reasons. The syllabus would remain the same. Dr. Mary Shaw made a motion to approve. Dr. Pete Leroy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8.5 GEND 210 Dean Anderson

Change from 2 credits to 3 credits. This course is a preparation course for the Basic Skills test that all education students must pass before acceptance into student teaching. It is

required of all students who fail the exam but taken preemptively by many students. Dr. Peter Leroy made a motion to approve. Dr. Jill Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. by acclamation.