

Arts and Sciences Council Minutes
November 28, 2007

- Call to Order.
- Council members in attendance: Maria Bohorquez, Colin Cairns, Charlie Nelson, Nicholas Roth, Eric Saylor, Jim Romain, Heidi Sleister, Megan Brown, Tim Urness, Dina Smith, Ren'ee Cramer
- Minutes for the Oct. 24 meeting were approved.
- There was no Dean's Report.
- Report from Cabinet:
 - Arts and Sciences Teacher of the Year committee appointments were discussed.
 - Alex Kleiner reported to cabinet concerning the "three-year rule".
 - questions were raised about eligibility.
 - comments should be sent to Council Chair DeLaet.
- Discussion item — discontinuation of Church Music Program:
 - Eric Saylor explained the rationale.
 - Carl Staplin who had been the mainly in charge has retired.
 - the motion to discontinue the program was approved unanimously.
- Discussion item — revisions of academic integrity policies:
 - Currently, there is no standard procedure for reviewing cases initiated during the summer.
 - Associate Dean Summerville is proposing to have appeals raised during the summer term post-poned for review until the following fall semester. He has asked for council input.
 - Council member Cramer said this would be a problem for seniors wanting to graduate after the summer term. She asked if it could be done over e-mail. Chair DeLaet responded that it would be hard to say.
 - Council member Cairns commented that department chairs are to be available over the summer and could be drawn on to constitute a review panel.
 - Eric Saylor asked if a neutral grade or incomplete grade could be given to a student in the case of an appeal until a hearing could be held in the fall.
- Discussion item revision of policies for awarding graduate level credit:
 - Associate Dean Summerville is soliciting feedback from Council on the following questions:

1. Are departments still creating/offering courses for graduate level credit?
2. How frequently are students taking undergraduate courses for graduate credit?
3. Should any student be taking a course below the 100 level for graduate credit?

— Council member Saylor commented that graduate credit was mainly used for upper division School of Education classes.

— Council member Urness said that in Mathematics it was rare and applied only one or two students a semester and that extra work was always required.

— Council member Cramer asked if it should really be a question for the School of Education.

— Council member Smith said that it was not an issue in the English department.

— Saylor was concerned that graduate level credit probably should not be available for music methods classes which are narrow in scope with no theory or historical component.

— Council member Sleister asked at what point are pharmacy students considered to be at graduate level.

- A motion to adjourn was approved with only one nay vote.