

Arts & Sciences Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 17, 2017, 3:30 p.m.
Drake Room, Olmsted

Members Present: Brown, Harvey, Tran, Tran-Johnson, Courard-Hauri, Kliethermes, Urness, Kalmanson, Cravero, McAlister

Recorder: Kayla Jenkins

1. Call to order and approval of minutes
 - a. Minutes approved unanimously

2. Report from the Dean
 - a. Honors Convocation was Thursday, April 13th
 - i. Sheslow Prize-Noah Skantz
 - ii. Truman Award-Madison Glennie
 - iii. Teacher of the Year-Megan Brown
 - b. Friday, April 28th is the spring NAC meeting
 - i. Talking about alumni roles in recruitment
 - ii. Tour of the new buildings and discussing building renovations
 - c. Move-in Dates for new buildings
 - i. Connector-July 19th
 - ii. Collier-Scripps-August 9th
 - d. October 11th is the Stalnaker Lecture from Jen Harvey
 - e. Deadline for case statements is April 17th
 - i. Dean's Council is discussing where reverted funds are held, discussing having it in College's budget instead of Provost's Office
 - f. Faculty raises: awaits the first year numbers; decision won't be made until Aug-Oct

3. Reports from Committees
 - a. Tech Committee
 - i. Cloud Storage-moving away from BlueSpace and going to OneDrive
 - ii. Request system is going to be updated, will get a survey after ticket is completed
 - iii. New telephony system being discussed
 - b. Diversity Committee:
 - i. Met with author of research
 - ii. Worked on getting pilot mentoring program ready
 - iii. Met with Art Sanders to talk about how to set up training sessions
 - iv. Last meeting with be with Michelle Laughlin and hopefully Erin Lain

4. Curriculum Committee Recommendations
 - a. New Course Proposals
 - i. LPS 113, LPS 155, SCSA 078, SCSA 081, SCSA 160, THEA 010 approved unanimously

- ii. Discussion on limiting course descriptions; may be a topic to discuss next year
- b. Course Change Proposals
 - i. BIO 026L, BIO 063L, BIO 093L, THEA 123 changes approved unanimously

5. New Business

- a. Curriculum Proposal Change, Biology: Thomas Rosburg
 - i. Changes:
 1. restrictions on transfer credits-at least half of biology courses have to be taken at Drake
 2. 32 credits to 34 credits to have major
 3. Added experiential “sphere” to B.A.
 4. Minor: 8 credits of 100+biology, can’t just take lower level biology courses to get minor; max of 10 transfer credits
 - ii. Questions/Discussion
 1. Required Calculus and Math 20 or higher requirement can count for the same.
 2. Wouldn’t change capstone at all
 - iii. Approved unanimously
- b. Curriculum Proposal Change, English
 - i. Changes: add Literature Abroad track to existing English tracks
 - ii. Discussions/Questions
 1. Study Abroad hits a certain demographic, this track seems restricted to that demographic
 2. Wish that there was a broader global citizenship track instead: Brown said that English department has another track: Culture and Identity that fits this
 3. Study Abroad shouldn’t be required to finish a track
 4. Why is it being implemented in the first place?
 - iii. Tabled until fall; sent back to department
- c. Council Vice Chair election:
 - i. Proposed revision to the handbook: “By its April meeting, the Council Chair shall solicit nominations for a Vice-Chair from among newly elected, **tenured** Council members. At the final Council meeting of the academic year, current and incoming Council members shall elect a Vice-Chair from among these nominees. A paper ballot will be used at the time of the meeting with the names of candidates who have agreed to stand for election and any additional nominees brought forward at the time of the final Council meeting.”
 - ii. Discussion: Feel that tenured faculty are the only ones prepared to take on duties.
 - iii. Approved unanimously; will go to faculty vote.

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m.