

A&S Council Minutes  
January 25, 2012

Present: Elizabeth Robertson, Joseph Lenz (dean), Colin Cairns (curriculum chair), Mahmoud Hamad, Curt Cardwell, Matthew Esposito, Michael Chiang, Brian Adams-Thies, Eric Manley, Grady McGrannahan, Muir Eaton, Brad Crowell, Leslie Marrs, Amy O'Shaughnessy, Marc Cadd

Elizabeth called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

### **11/30/11 Meeting Minutes**

Elizabeth called attention to the mention of eight SCSS courses, asking the Council if they agreed with the statement in the 11/30 minutes: "This was agreed upon as a friendly amendment: approved unanimously, contingent upon the appropriate forms being submitted by SCS"

Members agreed that this was the agreed-upon conclusion.

Minutes from the 11/30 meeting are approved.

### **Dean's Report**

Joe noted that over the weekend, for the 7<sup>th</sup> time in the last 18 months, a computer lab was broken into in FAC. He aims to develop a solution to promote access to buildings and reduce risk to people who are in buildings at off-hours.

This term there is a significant reduction in the number of students on probation/suspension. Only about 5 students are on probation/suspension: a reduction by two-thirds from years past.

1960 grad Clifford Lea will bequeath 2.3 million dollars for a Chair in Biology as well as to support a variety of different needs across the sciences.

The summary of May 2011 graduates has been made available. The University-wide accomplishment rate (participating in activities related career advancement), is 96.7%. The A&S accomplishment rate is 97.2%, emphasizing the value in a liberal arts education. Joe has asked for a breakdown of this report by area/major.

Joe invited Council members to attend the Town meeting next Tuesday 1/31 at 3:30 p.m.

### **Course Proposals**

*FREN 151 – National Identity in a Transnational Age*

*GERM 151 – National Identity in a Transnational Age*

*SPAN 151 – National Identity in a Transnational Age*

Marc teaches the German class, Eduardo Garcia teaches Spanish, Svetlana Dembovski teaches the French course. Marc noted that Japanese might be the next step to consider in creating these courses. All of these courses are taught on-campus at Drake.

Marc noted that there are fewer course objectives: those having to do with Ethics have been removed, since those have been the sticking point with Council in the past.

*These three courses were unanimously approved.*

*LPS 146 – Urbanization and Social Justice*

*LPS 148 – War Crimes and Beyond*

Leslie asked why school of Ed and Pharmacy students are excluded. Colin and Michael do not remember any discussion of this at the Curriculum meeting.

Mahmoud suggested that perhaps the course has restricted enrollment it is because of the challenging nature of the course.

Elizabeth said that because this course fulfills an AOI requirement, she doesn't believe it can be restricted. Colin noted that the Course Proposal form does not include an inquiry about class size/cap: perhaps this restriction is a way of restricting the course size.

*These courses were tabled pending the clarification of the exclusion/inclusion information.*

*PSY 044 – Adult Development and Aging*

Members of the council determined that the course has no exclusions. [amended 2/29/12]

*This course was unanimously approved.*

*PSY 90/91—Independent Study* was approved by Curriculum committee at last meeting: this is a course taught by Olga Lazareva, will be considered by Council at the next meeting after a revised course proposal is submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.