

AS Council Minutes
09/28/11

Present: Elizabeth Robertson, Joe Lenz, Michael Chiang, Mary McCarthy, Colin Cairns (Curriculum committee chair) Mahmoud Hamad, Brad Crowell, Joanna Mosser, Eric Manley, Curt Cardwell, Matt Esposito, Leslie Marrs, Maria Clapham (representing NSCI courses)

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

Minutes were approved from meeting April 2011.

Joe discussed goals and projects for the year:

1. International issues for the college: A&S is developing relationships with universities in Uganda, China, and Monterey Tech, Mexico.
2. WLC strategic plan (5-year plan) and role that this program plays in University. WLC will be meeting with programs that already interact with languages, including those outside of the language program.
3. Communication plan for college (update, restructure, redesign college page, then departmental pages)
4. University has had to redefine "the credit hour" especially in the non-standard (online, shorter term, travel, etc) situations. The University now has a document with guidelines for determining credit hours.

Colin Cairns and Maria Clapham are present to represent the Curriculum committee and the NSCI courses, respectively.

Matthew Esposito motioned to approve , Mahmoud Hamad seconded approval of NSCI 010 and NSCI 195.

Christopher Klithermes will teach both of these classes, and other Psychology faculty can cover these courses in a pinch.

Matthew Esposito motioned to approve , Mahmoud Hamad seconded approval of ENSP 153.

The course was taught as a special topics course, ENSP 150, in the past, seeking approval to have established number. The course will use two texts, listed in 16d, Colin said that he had the sense that David will be pulling selected readings from various journals and sources.

All approve, one abstention
ENSP 153 is approved

Matthew Esposito motioned to approve , Mahmoud Hamad seconded approval of PHY 060. There is currently no lab section for the course, but Adina plans to have a lab

section once she has a lab set up on campus. Adina will likely teach BioPhysics each spring semester.

All approve.

Courses approved:

NSCI 010

NSCI 195

ENSP 153

PHY 060

A&S College Distinguished Engagement award

This award came out of a discussion of Joe and Keith regarding a lack of recognition given to those in the college for service. There is currently an award for student service [Sheslow Prize], but this is intended to be a faculty/staff counterpart. For now, A&S Cabinet will select a recipient based upon service to the college and to the campus, though activity in the University community is taken into account as well.

Hamad motioned, Marrs seconded an approval of this motion to be included in the College handbook. All approved this motion.

Each Council meeting will be held the final Wednesday of each month 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Some are not able to attend due to teaching schedules, perhaps a solution is to move the elections forward to allow those elected to Council to accommodate this last Wednesday 3:30 meeting into their schedules.

Elizabeth: there has been a revolt about having students attend Friday FYS sessions. 500 students signed a petition to end the Friday sessions of FYS, presented to Art Sanders Friday, 9/23. Council voted against this issue, but the Friday sessions were approved by the UCC. Elizabeth feels that changes like this should be posed to faculty. Students feel insulted by the sessions though they understand the intent. The Friday sessions were intended to relieve the FYS instructors from addressing the “how to succeed in college” types of issues. Technology issues have also played a role.

Meeting adjourned 4:25 p.m.