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CPS Faculty Meeting
Thursday, December 7, 2011
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Crummer 308

Sharon Agee, Anna Alon, Ilan Alon, Michele Boulanger, Greg Cavanaugh, Sue Easton, Margot Fadool, Greg Gardner, Scott Hewit, Tom Lairson, Richard Lewin, Cecelia McInnis-Bowers, John Morrison, Carolyn Planck, Don Rogers, Marc Sardy, Gio Valiante, Tonia Warnecke, Debra Wellman

Guests: Carol Bresnahan, Lewis Duncan

Deb called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

- **November minutes**

Corrections

Approved with corrections

- **Karen Hater – Community Standards**, Notes from Karen Hater regarding student affairs

Violations are up – a lot

Faculty had a variety of questions and concerns

Wellman will ask Karen to come to the January meeting to discuss these issues

Two questions arose about:

1. Alcohol policy; is it final? Does it mix student and faculty in the same policy?

2. Do we get a say?

Wellman will invite HR to come and speak in January regarding the alcohol policy, specifically addressing concerns and clarification of alcohol at faculty informal on-campus functions

Wellman will also look into the policy regarding rooms in the hotel

- **Wellman presented Department Chair, Sue Easton a letter approving the new major in Communication**

She noted 7 or 8 of the Communication majors have wait lists

She invited everyone to Open House – February 29 – all invited. Ice cream social

- **Wellman asked for a discussion about, “What is CPS?”**

The Dean asked faculty to think about and question why we do what we do?

New Majors and Minors discussion:

The issue of creating a new major came up?: How is this done??

Wellman reiterated that CPS is responsible for our own curriculum; we have a curriculum committee (CE)

As an example, Wellman announced the possibility of a Global Health major – working on that – it will be interdisciplinary; Mc-Innis-Bowers has a background in Public Health.

What is the governing mechanism for approving new majors for interdisciplinary areas?

Wellman– approval from all departments in the major, primarily in the department with the bulk of the courses being offered for the major; this will need to be discussed further.

Policy for approving a new major –Wellman suggested that CPS curriculum committee can design interdisciplinary approvals of majors and minors

Cross-college interdisciplinary minors or majors – CRC has a faculty from A&S appointed to the committee

Wellman– does not believe we would have to go through A & S for major/minor approval; but we should keep each the informed. It's a courtesy that we inform A&S, and they us.

Sardy believes that departments should consider minors to start with rather than jumping into majors. Staffing is an issue to launch a new major, office space, classrooms... What is our procedure going to be? Wellman commented that it will be a case by case situation.

McInnis-Bowers stated that what unites us is curriculum across the faculty. She suggested that a process be created perhaps articulation committee which would become a third option, for special programming that is interdisciplinary. Hybrid procedures comprised by members of both schools.

We may need a campus wide proposal and procedure for unique courses and major that don't fit.

Fetscherin - Interdisciplinary or Intercollegiate? What's the right term?

Bylaw changes:

A & S has not changed their bylaws to reflect that one CPS person would be on their committees. Wellman will ask Jill to about this and we will be amending our bylaws to include A&S faculty member on our committees.

Lairson – Lewis has conducted pow wows for strategic planning and policy; this is an enormously complex set of challenges regarding where the institution wants to go. Doesn't believe we have competent mechanisms yet to address how this works and who makes decisions. Seems important to see, whatever the plans are, how they do or don't relate to this broader vision. Seems there are a lot of balls in the air. We need to think of how this is going to work.

Someone from CPS needs to go to the executive committee meetings; AAC , Student Life, and PSC. We will also invite a member of A&S to serve on our committees.

Wellman – stated that there should be a pro-active approach so it's not just AAC making decisions about all college general education requirements and that Warnecke's committee has addressed this, the chair of CE serves on the new course subcommittee.

Rogers stated that "the attitude that we separate ourselves, seeking equal representation, is dangerous, "the basic argument is the argument of moral persuasion not equal representation."

"Rogers doesn't believe" it's a vocal minority and thinks we need to start representing; it's not smart for us to keep pushing the issue of numerical representation"; "we have a bigger issue – we don't really have a sense of how to do governance, details of a governance system. INB took 4 years.

Wellman asked the group if they were comfortable with the solution that she and Jennifer Cavanaugh, with Warnecke, as chair of CE, sit on the AAC subcommittee. Eastman – to Warnecke," are you comfortable with it?" Warnecke—"yes. "

Don Rogers moved that the chair of curriculum will serve on the new course subcommittee for all gen-ed approvals; Marc Sardy second; All in favor; Motion passed; Gen eds only right now

Back to Curriculum control:

Hewit and Valiante went to the AAC to introduce a minor in global education – a first draft. The minor is intercollegiate (using this as a descriptive now instead of interdisciplinary); Hewit assumed that the college wide effort was necessary; met with AAC, got positive and negative feedback; revise and resubmit message. Wellman believes that this is a CPS decision since education is in the College of Professional Studies.

Hewit stated that" the minor is equally divided, however it is nested in CPS; good faith says this minor requires the Politics, sociology, and many other departments to be involved; we need a college wide understanding of the minor" Wellman disagreed that the minor needed to be vetted in A&S.

Sardy suggested that if a course affects the entire institution, we can invite people from A&S to teach in it to solve a problem

Warnecke sated "there will be a lot of confusion, one way or another; it needs to be made clear as to what the department's role should be."

Rogers – "This is an issue that is not going to get settled until a proposal is made and approved and it a done deal, more likely they do object, then goes to executive council. Not likely to be an issue that gets negotiated and dealt with before. It's going to be after a person makes a proposal. Build a proposal."

Wellman—"the importance of CPS maintaining control—of our curriculum is necessary." She advocates that CPS has to retain that.

Fetscherin – “we need to talk with the departments, get chair support, please advise us are you on board? If you communicate and get support of department chair, you should not need to get a vote.”

Lairson – believes that I Alon is proposing a strategy moving forward; get support from whoever you need; then approve it in CPS and see what happens. Not good to establish a rule; create a reality, if it works then we are in better shape.

Announcements

The Day of Scholarship has changed – to The Future of Liberal Arts; FOLA – idea tables set up; if you have ideas, please notify us; participate as well. Deb Wellman will present global studies.

I Alon – “Is there a process for eliminating programs that don’t work?” – Wellman stated that it has to be faculty initiated; work with the faculty to change the program. Example is Computer Science – vibrant in Holt but small numbers in A&S; outside group coming to take a look at that and make recommendations.

Faculty discussed moving Computer Science to CPS as a better fit. Wellman said it is possible. Lairson pointed out that Computer Science and International Business has potential, makes sense, and would work well. If not as a major, in some other fashion; Wellman will try to call a meeting next semester with those connected. Opportunity to not go forward or to go forward robustly; Fetscherin “ a lot of students want information management courses.”

Lewis Duncan – 1:33 p.m. – Cornell Distinguished Faculty Award – committee, Ed Cohen – Chair.
winners: Emily Russell , David Charles, Marc Fetscherin

Meeting adjourned 1:40 p.m. Next meeting: 1/26/2012 – Faculty Club