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## **Academic Affairs Committee**

Meeting Minutes  
**September 5, 2012**

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee was called to order at 12:31 pm on September 5, 2012 in the MLS Classroom CSS 167 by Claire Strom.

### **Present:**

Claire Strom, Jana Mathews, Nancy Decker, Susan Walsh, Pedro Bernal, Maria Ruiz, Jennifer Cavanaugh, Martina Vidovic, Wenxian Zhang

Visitors: Holly Pohlig, Giselda Beaudin

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes from 8/28/12 were approved.

### **B. A&S member for CPS curriculum committee - Bill Boles**

Claire will look for someone who is not currently on AAC to serve on the CPS committee.

### **C. OIP**

Claire met with Giselda Beaudin and Steve Nielsen on 8/29/12 to discuss the faculty concerns with International Programs. Giselda hopes to form a faculty subcommittee to meet twice a semester to help communicate faculty needs to the OIP. Jana and Wenxian asked whether this should come from the Internationalization Committee, but Nancy stated that the responsibilities of that committee have been muddled. Originally, the only charge was to approve the applications of faculty for the presidential initiative grants. Claire added that the Internationalization Committee is not part of faculty governance and does not have to report to the faculty, only the president and provost. For oversight on student curriculum, that is AAC's responsibility. Nancy, Jana, and Pedro volunteered for Giselda's subcommittee for the development of new international student programs. Claire will ask CPS if anyone would like to participate.

### **D. International Program: American University in Rome - Approved for Spring 2013 only**

Giselda introduced a new program in Rome. Concerns from the faculty via previous emails included if this is the best fit for our students and if we needed a program other than the current program with Trinity. Because Italy is such a popular destination, many students take a leave of absence to go to Italy and find their own program so Rollins lost about \$12000 last year. In addition, Trinity is more expensive than the Rollins tuition and only accepts about 30 students per term, limiting the course availability. Many of our best students get deferred. The high cost of this program means that the difference in tuition is made up by surplus in the OIP, and that may not be appropriate since people at Rollins (Student Records, OIP, etc) are still working for the student. In contrast, American University is a larger, more affordable program. In addition, it is difficult to find a large number of Italian institutions willing to accept our students unless they are fluent in Italian. Nancy also cautioned that we are unable to offer many language courses in Italian unless the Art and Art History department begins to require it. Therefore, we should be careful in our advising, as students may have to interrupt a current language program, or will not be able to complete their language training here. Giselda says that her office is not equipped to completely advise every student and so she always recommends that students return to their advisors before beginning study abroad. Nancy reminded everyone that any student traveling to a country that does not speak English should be advised to take at least one semester of the native language; there is more value in a study abroad program if the students attempt to integrate. Because of the initial faculty resistance to the new program with American University, Giselda asked for approval for spring 2013 term only so that she can get more faculty input after one semester. Both programs, American and Trinity, will be offered this spring.

**E. International Program: Junior Year in Munich - Approved**

Currently, less than 3 students a year are going to the program at the University of Trier in Germany. International Business has a partnership with Jacob's University, but this is an English-speaking program. The Junior Year in Munich Program would still allow for language immersion and high caliber academics. Typically, it is difficult to find an international program with as significant student support as Rollins provides, but this program does. Right now, the program would only run in the spring rather than a full year. Currently, there are 9 students at the program at Jacob's University in Bremen which is more than ever before. This program in Munich would be an easier sell and would replace the program in Trier.

**F. International Program: Tel Aviv - Approved**

Yudit Greenberg proposed this program in Israel. This program is excellent with a reasonable level of integration. There is a good amount of crossover for students to feel like they belong at the school, and this city is relatively stable (the travel warning has not changed for 30 years). The university has a humanities and a medical focus launching and is safer and will be less of a cultural shock than Jerusalem. Students can take Hebrew and Arabic language courses to dovetail with what we can offer her. This will also help the MENA minor and other programs such as the Jewish Studies minor which previously did not have any international program support.

**G. Student Records Advisory Committee**

Robin Mateo requested a faculty subcommittee to advise Student Records, especially with the launch of DegreeWorks. Jim Norris, Paul Reich, and Gloria Cook will serve on this committee.

#### **H. New General Education Curriculum**

Thirty-eight proposals were submitted and were amalgamated into 13 proposals (The Body; Freedom and Equality; The Good Life: Is it All Fun and Games?; A Healthy World; History as Future - "Everything Old is New Again"; Identity and the Self; Inventions, Innovation and Creativity; Mysteries: The Unknown/Unseen; Relationships; Rules and Taboos; Technology, Machines, and Systems; War and Peace; When Cultures Collide). Though staff did not submit proposals, faculty from both CPS and A&S did. Two open meetings will be held on Thursday, September 13 and Friday, September 14 to discuss the proposals, and then a survey will be sent to all faculty. Once we decide the neighborhoods, we can begin to think about how to resolve transfer students, make sure that proposed courses fit the competencies, and decide on how CPS will integrate since they are not a division of A&S.

#### **I. Next week's agenda**

- a. Approve minutes of last meeting
- b. Holt course renumbering—Sharon Lusk, Leslie Poole
- c. Changes in LACS program—Dexter Boniface
- d. Self-designed major—Justin Kagan
- e. Representative for CPS curriculum committee
- f. Changes in IR (9/25)
- g. Changes in Archaeology minor (9/25)
- h. Minor GPA requirements (9/25)

#### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 pm by Claire Strom. The next general meeting will be at 12:30 pm September 18, 2012 in the MLS Classroom CSS 167.

**Minutes submitted by**

Susan Walsh

**Approved by**

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