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Minutes of the Meeting
Executive Committee of the Arts and Sciences
March 9, 2005

Members attending: P. Lancaster, R. Casey, Y. Greenberg, S. Lackman, N. Decker, D. Griffin, S. Klemann, P Neinken. Guest: T. Lairson

I. Call to Order: Yehudit Greenberg called the meeting to order at 8:10.

II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of March 3 were approved as presented.

III. QEP Update/SACS Review (Lairson): SACS review will be March 30, 31, April 1. They will be on campus March 31 and may speak with some faculty. The committee may ask faculty about the QEP (go to Rollins homepage, icon on lower right); review Section 2, framework of the plan. Lairson will make a similar presentation to the Faculty Meeting on March 24.

IV. Academic Affairs Committee (S. Klemann): Curriculum discussion:

A. Music: The new program, as proposed and endorsed by Academic Affairs, introduces a new core course MUS 190, Music and Technology, which replaces Music of the World's Peoples. Music of the World's Peoples is now an elective. The Ensembles requirement has been reduced from 8 hours to 4. In terms of electives, the number remains the same, but there is an enhancement in the rigor (3 of 4 at the advanced level). For the Minor, there is an increase in flexibility in the musicianship area, with a placement test; there are two electives in the minor. The committee refused to approve the proposal because of difference between distributed documents approved earlier at the AAC meeting.

B. International Business: There is a new course called Global Business Strategy, INB 450; it will allow the program to infuse facets of T. This means there are 18 courses required. INB 300 will undergo a name change and will address R issues in the program. Changes in ECO requirements are in light of changes made in the Economics program. The program is not comparable to any similar program at other schools. There is pressure on the department to have more INB courses, but the Department has resisted in light of the liberal arts ethos. Once the Latin American studies program has been approved, that area focus may be included. The course is truly interdisciplinary, so the curriculum requirement (18) is not onerous. New wording about the language requirement will be infused into the text. The Executive Committee approved the proposal.

C. Theatre: Sixteen courses are required. Klemann said the Department sees its program as a professional program. An interim change in the program was presented a year ago. There is a recommended core that the department feels is representative of all areas of inquiry, and then there are five tracks that allow the students to focus on

one area of interest. The Department feels that this structure focuses students in a more academic fashion. The proposal is a change for the program, not just a modification. There is concern that the institution will not have an opportunity to present the students with different voices across the campus. Casey believes this is a step in the right direction, but he points out that both Music and Theatre majors have a large number of required courses. The program as it stands does not include courses all over the campus (for example, in Shakespeare or in foreign theatre). The committee is concerned that, in the literature emphasis, the students will not be looking at the plays as literature. Casey is concerned that there is not a sustainability model that will allow many of these courses to be offered with what faculty we have in the department. A principal concern is the inclusion of other areas, especially in the area of history, literature, and criticism. In this proposal, however, there is a movement to get the less-rigorous courses out of the curriculum. The proposal is tabled for reconsideration by the Department.

D. Latin American and Caribbean Studies: The program has includes a language requirement consistent with the college requirement. Some course numbers have been changed, but the core remains essentially the same. The fundamental difference is that in the past there were six electives chosen from various tracks; now courses are to take two courses in Anthropology, two in Economics, two in Environmental Studies, and two in Political Sciences. There are 12 courses required instead of 14. The minor has not existed before. Casey believes this may be a large minor, especially for the IB majors, and will probably enhance the existing program. The Executive Committee tabled the discussion until the next meeting, April 7.

V. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice-President/Secretary