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Minutes of the Meeting
Executive Committee of the Arts and Sciences
November 4, 2004

Members attending: L. Duncan, P. Lancaster, Y. Greenberg, S. Lackman, D. Griffin, P. Bernal, S. Klemann, P Neinken

I. Call to Order: Yehudit Greenberg called the meeting to order at 12:38.

II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2004, were approved as edited.

III. Announcement: (Greenberg) – The date for a colloquium on Faculty Salaries will be Friday, November 19, 3 p.m., in the Faculty Club.

IV. Calendar (Casey): Casey gave a history of calendar construction and the constraints upon creating the calendar. Apparently, Professor Gregory is resolute about insuring that Fall Break is two days long. There is a 70-day minimum per semester. After a lot of discussion, it was suggested that the calendar of 2005-06 has been set and should not be amended. There is also a concern that it may be inappropriate to allow this motion and vote from the floor; there has to be a modification of the policy before the faculty can vote for amending the calendar. Casey will have a discussion with Gregory about her suggestions. Greenberg will also confirm if the faculty did indeed approve the current method of creating a calendar, or if this has become policy.

V. FEC: Discussion about the FEC, begun at the last meeting, continued. Greenberg spoke with the chair of FEC and reported his point of view. The Chair seemed to think that a review of policies would be appropriate. It has been a long time since the By-Laws creating the FEC were passed, and it would be prudent to see that all FECs have been/are in conformance with the By-Laws. It is not appropriate for the FEC to examine itself; Greenberg will ask the Chair of Professional Standards Committee to contact the FEC about a study. If it is problematical to use PSC to investigate, perhaps a Task Force can be established.

VI. Committee Reports:

1. AAC (Klemann): There are two proposals to change majors; these are programmatic changes that will go into place next Fall.

a. International Relations – In the past no specific courses were required. There are now four courses required, plus a residency requirement; a number of courses are to be removed from the curriculum; three courses in Politics are new (and have been vetted by the new course subcommittee); other courses in History and Economics have been added; language has changed in the requirement for modern languages. Klemann moved we endorse the changes at the level of the Executive Committee. Greenberg offered a friendly amendment to include, under Culture Area Studies, some religion courses. Klemann can go back to the Department

with these suggestions. There was a tangential discussion on the language requirement as cultural requirement.

- b. Chemistry – Klemann has made an outline of the proposed changes so that they are understandable. These programmatic changes have been endorsed by other interested parties, including pre-engineering, biology, et al.

VII. Homecoming (Neinken) – Homecoming was a great success. It was a good start to build pride on campus. There will be R-Friday as a regular event in order to keep the momentum going. Duncan commented that we may consider ways to make t-shirts' messages not expired as soon.

VIII. Meeting adjourned 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cohn Lackman, Ph.D.
Vice-President/Secretary of the A&S Faculty