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## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MEETING MINUTES: 10/4/2007

In attendance: Sharon Carnahan, Thom Moore, Scott Rubarth, Shannon Mariotti, Dick James, Ben Balak, Deb Wellman, Yusheng Yao, Tina Bucci

DW: Move Fall Break to align with Orange county and Seminole county, but not Spring Break.

SC: Change to Philosophy and Religion major: the changes to the major were approved.

Approval of minutes from 9/27 meeting

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Curriculum task-force slate:

Are students voting members of the AAC or non-voting members? And how many students should be on the committee? "Up to 4 members?" And are they voting?

SC: Ask executive committee for clarification?

BB: Should this question go before the full faculty?

TM: Clarification or change to the by-laws needs to go first to the executive committee and then, possibly, to the full faculty?

SC: Give it to executive committee to clarification; then decide what to do. It seems unlikely that the by-laws intended to give 4 students voting capacity. It seems likely (and AAC would approve of) one permanent student on AAC who does have voting power.

SM: Junior faculty over-burdening (ironically) indicates the need for curricular reform.

SC: What if we rotate membership on the committee and don't necessarily need to tie everyone to a 2 year stint on the task force? This was approved.

IT WAS MOVED TO STRIKE THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE FROM THIS WEEK'S MINUTES

SC and everyone on AAC: want to emphasize that we are happy to have such a large pool of talented candidates to choose from: we are fortunate that we have the flexibility in rearranging the slate because we have such a great pool of people to choose from. We expect that everyone at Rollins will feel free to contribute to this process and voice their opinions even if they are not officially on the task force.

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next meeting:

1. Address the issue of staff who teach classes (RCC etc)
2. Revisit issue of writing guidelines for off-campus study for courses.
3. Computer science is going to change their curriculum for next year. Will affect courses in 2008-2009: on the agenda for February of this year.