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Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes April 19th, 2007

In Attendance: Sharon Carnahan (Chair), Jay Yellen, Hoyt Edge, Dana Hargrove, Marie Shafe, Thomas Moore, Ben Balak, Ed Cohen, student- Brett Heiney.

1. The minutes from the April 12th 2007 meeting were approved.

2. Old Business:

I. Music Ensembles:

The music department sent on their grading rubric as requested by the AAC. The AAC will respond to the Music Department with-

“ Academic Affairs thanks the Music Department for providing the grading rubric as requested and has some concerns about the assessment. Academic Affairs recommends the Department and the Dean review ensemble grades across the Department after two semesters”

II. Summer work groups for Curriculum:

So far we have some volunteers after sending out to faculty the call to participate. However, we have none for the Interdisciplinary group. Rick Foglesong has volunteered for the Citizenship group. Architecture for the Curriculum group has Laurel Goj, Douglas Child and Gabriel Barreneche.

Sharon suggests thinking of other ways to recruit. Hoyt offered to personally invite certain faculty if we can come up with some recommendations.

III. Final Curriculum Group

Sharon asked for input on how to arrange for the next and final curriculum group next year. Sharon believes it should be truly interdisciplinary and carefully chosen and will begin work on the first day of the Fall semester.

Thom suggests having a person elected from each division. Hoyt suggests the divisions recommend two or three people from each division and then there is more room for finding a group that will work well together.

Sharon asks, “is this committee going to have staff or student representation?” Brett Heiney and Ben Balak are both in strong support of having at least two students on the committee. Jay asks what role they would play, Brett sees them playing the same role as anyone else on the committee. There was no objection among the AAC against having student representation on this final curriculum group.

IV. Guidelines for Off Campus Courses.

The current proposal that Sharon redrafted was approved by the AAC.

The next AAC meeting will be on April 26th 8:15am in the Warden Dining Room.

Dana Hargrove, Secretary