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Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes October 24, 2006

In Attendance: Sharon Carnahan (Chair), Carolyn Carpan, Jay Yellen, Hoyt Edge, Thom Moore, Ben Balak, Marie Shafe, Ed Cohen, Dana Hargrove

1. The minutes from the October 17, 2006 meeting were approved with minor revisions.

2. Old Business

We discussed the Critical Media and Cultural Studies Major revised proposal. The revised proposal describes the concentrations and notes at least electives must be at the 300/400 levels. Thom Moore expressed concern about the Media History concentration and the substitution of two practice courses. Are they substitution for electives or core courses? Ed Cohen suggested including the practice courses in the concentrations. He also noticed the core competencies for the program is absent in the Media History concentration. Thom Moore stated he didn't think the proposal would be approved by the faculty with the Media History concentration. Sharon Carnahan suggested including the history courses in the list of electives. Marie Shafe suggested putting the history courses under the International Media concentration. Ben Balak notes that most of the history courses are Western in focus, so putting them into International Media concentration might not work. We also discussed concerns about staffing the program, including what happens if Lisa Tillmann were to leave Rollins. Hoyt Edge stated her position would be replaced so the program can continue. Sharon Carnahan summarized the suggestions of the committee:

- Eliminate the Media History concentration. Perhaps some history courses could be included as electives in the other concentrations.
- We don't like the substitution of 2 practice courses for 2 electives. We suggest eliminating this possibility. If desired, they could increase the electives to 5, one of them being a practical course.
- We are generally positive about this proposal, but we feel these changes would strengthen the proposal for presentation to the faculty.

[Note: Hoyt Edge, Dean of the Faculty, left the meeting prior to our discussion of a grade appeal application]

3. New Business

We reviewed a grade appeal application. Jay Yellen moved that we deny the grade appeal. The vote was 8 in favor of denying the grade appeal, 0 against denying the grade appeal. The grade appeal is denied.

The next AAC meeting will be on Tuesday, October 31 at 8:15 am in the Warden Dining Room.

Carolyn Carpan,
Secretary