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Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2006

In Attendance: Sharon Carnahan (Chair), Carolyn Carpan, Jay Yellen, Hoyt Edge, Ben Balak, Dana Hargrove.

1. The minutes from the November 14, 2006 meeting were approved. Dana Hargrove volunteered to take over the role of Secretary when Carolyn Carpan goes on sabbatical in January.
2. New Business
 - a) We reviewed the Psychology Department Proposal for Continuing in the Major. The proposal will sequence courses in the right order and will weed out the weakest students. The proposal states: "Students must receive a grade of C or better in both PSY 101 and PSY 265 in order to declare a major in psychology." It was noted this could be controversial because other departments might want to adopt the same standards. We voted unanimously to approve a pilot project for 2 years and the Psychology Department will report back to AAC to evaluate this project.
 - b) We reviewed the Hispanic Studies Proposal to revamp the upper level courses in the major. We approved the changes, pending the approval of four new courses by the New Course subcommittee. Sharon will forward the new course information to Toni Holbrook to begin the review process of the new courses.
 - c) We reviewed the Asian Studies Minor changes regarding number of courses required and number of language courses that can be counted towards the minor. We voted unanimously to accept the changes.
 - d) Hoyt Edge introduced the Internship Guidelines Proposal. We will continue to discuss this proposal and vote on it at the next meeting.

The next AAC meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12 at 8:15 am in the Warden Dining Room.

Carolyn Carpan,
Secretary