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In Attendance: Richard Lima, Jay Yellen, Carolyn Carpan, Dana Hargrove, Roger Casey, Wendy Brandon, [Mark Anderson](#), Eric Zivot, Marie Schafe and SGA representatives Carly Rothman, Nick Tanturri, and Eddie Mehnert.

1. Old Business

The minutes of the March 2, 2006 meeting were approved.

V Assessment – Marie Schafe reported that she has continued to talk to faculty members who teach V classes and they believe they are meeting the standards. Faculty have, however, raised questions such as why are we teaching V courses, how do you define ethics, how do you include ethics in your courses, etc. Marie will prepare a report for the committee based on her meetings with V faculty.

2. New Business

- a. We discussed and approved the following proposal for “Requirements for a Second Bachelor’s Degree”:

Graduation requirements to receive a second bachelor's degree from the Arts and Sciences Program at Rollins College include the following. Upon completion, students will be awarded the College's Bachelor of Arts (Artium Baccalaureus) degree.

- Two (2) full semesters in residence on-campus in Arts and Sciences for a total of not less than thirty-five (35) semester hours of course credit. Post-baccalaureate second degree special students are not eligible for on-campus housing.
 - A major course of study that differs from that of the first degree, to be approved by the Office of the Dean of Faculty prior to admission.
 - A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.5 for all Rollins courses.
 - Completion of all general education requirements of Arts and Sciences via courses undertaken other regionally accredited institutions of higher education or while in residence. To be determined by transcript review in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.
- b. We discussed and approved a proposal for changes to the requirements for the English Major. The new English Major will include 6 core courses: ENG 201 Major English Writings I; ENG 202 Major English Writings II; ENG 303 American Literature I; ENG 304 American Literature II; ENG 221 Topics in World Literature; and Either ENG 374 Editing or ENG 370 Language. Six electives will also be required. At least three electives must be on the 300 level or higher and at least one additional elective must be on the 400 level or higher. (Note: ENG 140 may not be used as an elective in the English Major).

- c. We discussed and approved a proposal for changes to the requirements for the Minor in Writing offered by the English Department. The new minor has 2 tracks: 1) Creative Writing and 2) Professional Writing. Each track has three core courses and three electives. Electives can be selected from a list of 10 or more classes.

- d. We continued to discuss our efforts to promote curricular change at Rollins. Mark reported the result of our Zoomerang survey of faculty and students, which asked, 1) Do you feel that the current general education curriculum at Rollins College adequately prepares students to be global citizens and responsible leaders? 2) I am a: Faculty member / Student 3) If you are a faculty member, please indicate below how many years you have been teaching at Rollins.

We had a total of 123 responses, 79 faculty responses (33% Yes and 67% No) and 44 student responses (66% Yes and 33% No).

We discussed the possibility of sending out another survey and decided against doing so at this time. We also talked about models for starting faculty discussions in the fall and it was suggested the Fall Faculty Retreat might be a good place to use one of these models to begin our discussions about curricular change.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next AAC meeting will be on Tuesday, March 21 at 12:30 pm. Mark Anderson will contact us with the meeting location. We will discuss plans for the self-designed major (Mark will send info), the Marine Biology proposal, and the form "Arts and Sciences Request for General Education Designation."

Carolyn Carpan,
Secretary