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Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2006

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

1. Old Business

- a). The minutes of the March 16, 2006 meeting were approved.

2. Continuing Business

- a) We continued to discuss curricular review. Mark reported the results of last week's survey regarding the general education requirements. Out of 151 respondents, 95 were faculty and 56 were students. 46% of respondents believe the general education curriculum prepare students to be global citizens and responsible leaders, while 54% believe we are not accomplishing these goals with the current curriculum.
- b) Mark Anderson presented another draft survey that he and Jay Yellen wrote based upon discussion at our last meeting. 1) **Faculty Survey:** Given our mission statement, list two qualities that you would expect every Rollins graduate to have. At least one of these should be generally considered outside your field. Feel free to elaborate on the qualities you've listed. 2) **Student Survey:** Given our mission statement, name one quality that you would expect every Rollins graduate to have. Feel free to elaborate on the qualities you've listed. We discussed the survey and made recommendations for changes to the wording of the surveys. Mark will make the recommended changes and send the survey out in the next week.

3. New Business

- a. We reviewed applications for self-designed majors. While we liked Luke Kupscznk's proposal, we wondered why he hadn't included any communication courses as part of his course of study. We suggested he replace ENG 245 Studies in Popular Culture with a course in Critical Media Studies in the Communication Department. Roger Casey will meet with Luke Kupscznk to discuss this with him. If Luke follows this recommendation, the committee approves his program. We also reviewed Whitney Coulter's application and it was approved.
- b. We began discussion of the proposed Marine Biology major. Several committee members wondered if it was a problem that Rollins is not closer to the ocean. Roger Casey said that a marine biology lab would be set up this summer (in the old Psychology dog track area), so this shouldn't be a problem. We also wondered about the high number of credit hours – 68 – for the major and how the Biology Department can

sustain both a Biology major and a Marine Biology major with the current staffing. While the application package included a 5-year teaching schedule for Fiona Harper and Kathryn Sutherland, who are both Marine Biologists, we decided we want to see the 3-year teaching schedule for the Biology Department to see all the courses on offer. Mark Anderson will ask Eileen Gregory to provide the 3-year teaching program. We will continue discussion at our next meeting and if we decide we need to meet with Eileen, we'll arrange a meeting.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 30 from 8-10 am in the Warden dining room.

Carolyn Carpan,
Secretary