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## Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

### April 20, 2006

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

#### 1. Old Business

- a) The minutes of the April 13, 2006 meeting were approved.

#### 2. Continuing Business

- a) We continued to discuss grade appeals. 1) Julia Cole's appeal for DAN 170/270 Ballet I – We decided there was no bias against Ms. Cole and we decided to recommend to Dean Casey denial of the grade appeal. 2) Robert Cataldo – We tried to get a course syllabus from David Lee from Introduction to Theatre. We decided to continue our efforts to find a course syllabus before we make a decision in this case.
- b) Mark Anderson reported the Biology Department has withdrawn their proposal for changes to the Biology Major. Mark suggested we recommend changing the catalog copy for the Biology Major to 12 hours to correct it.
- c) We discussed the Marine Biology proposal. Roger Casey suggested the following friendly amendment to the Field Study Requirements: "One semester in residence **at an approved field station.**" We voted to take the proposal to the faculty at the May 3, 2006 meeting.

#### 3. New Business

- a) Roger Casey requested the committee change the London Internship requirements from 8 semester hours for the internship and 4 semester hours for the seminar to 12 semester hours for both the internship and the seminar. Students will be doing exactly the same work. We voted to approve this suggestion. Richard Lima also recommended an additional 2 semester hours be granted for a paper outlining students experiences living in a foreign country and learning about a new culture.
- b) Cecilia McInnis-Bowers, Chair of the International Business Department, requests changes in the catalog copy with regard to the INB program. She requests we eliminate "business" and "business administration" altogether when referring to the program. She also wants to change the title from "Business Minor" to "International Business Minor." Mark will ask Cecilia for send along her reasons for the change and invite her to speak to us at our next meeting.
- c) We approved the addition of a Musical Theatre emphasis to the Theatre Arts and Dance Major.
- d) Mark will draft an email requesting volunteers for the Committee for New Curriculum. He will send it around for our approval. We would like to

try to establish a committee before the end of the semester. Carolyn Carpan and Wendy Brandon will compile the results of our recent faculty survey for presentation at the May 3, 2006 faculty meeting.

The next AAC meeting will be on Thursday, April 27 at 8 am in the Warden Dining Room.

Carolyn Carpan,  
Secretary