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AAC Minutes – August 23, 2011

In attendance: Gloria Cook (Chair & Secretary), Martina Vidovic, Fiona Harper, Nancy Decker, Sebastian Novak, Maria Ruiz, Wenxian Zhang, Bob Smither (Dean of Arts and Sciences)

Guests in attendance: Deb Wellman (Dean of CPS and Holt), Giselda Beaudin (Director of International Program)

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m.

New Business:

1. Several members expressed their concern that they might not be able to attend all the AAC meetings every Tuesday. The decision was made to have tentative meetings on the following dates:

August 30th – update on recent activities and duties of AAC

Sept 6

Sept 27

Oct 4

Oct 18

Oct 25

Nov 1

Nov 8

Nov 15

Nov 22

Nov 29

2. Membership

Gloria Cook pointed out that AAC is missing two members-at-large, a secretary and one New Course Subcommittee member.

It was agreed that Gloria will act as the secretary until the general election. Hopefully, one of two newly elected members will take over her job as the secretary.

It was also agreed that members of the New Course Subcommittee will be Nancy Decker, Maria Ruiz, and Wenxian Zhang. Fiona Harper graciously agreed to be a temporary member of the Appeals Committee with Gloria until the general election.

3. The London Program

Giselda Beaudin, Director of International Programs proposed some structural changes to the Rollins in London Semester. The changes involved switching services to administer the program from the current Anglo-American Educational Services to CAPA.

She presented some very compelling reasons for this change, largely due to the infrastructure that CAPA has in place for student support and advising. Another change is to offer Rollins students direct enrollment at Queen Mary, University of London. The change should enable students to fully integrate into the academic and social activities at Queen Mary. Nancy Decker questioned the transferred credits from a European school system to Rollins and suggested that a more consistent approach to accepting the transferred credits be considered. Giselda was receptive to the idea and promised to look into it.

Nancy made the motion to accept the proposed changes to the London Program. Fiona seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1;37 p.m.

Gloria Cook
Chair & Secretary