

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: October 26, 2006

PRESENT:	Agnes Samples	Rakesh Sah
	Sandie Rietz	Lorrie Steerey
	Johanna Mitchell	Keith Edgerton
	Gershon Bulgatz	Noreen Lee
	Craig McKenzie	Janii Pedersen (student)
	Alicia Esteves (student)	Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)
	Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)	

ABSENT:	Mark Hardt – <i>excused</i>	Bruce Brumley – <i>excused</i>
	Audrey ConnerRosberg – <i>excused</i>	Matt Redinger – <i>excused</i>
	David Garloff (ex-officio)	Mary McNally (ex-officio)
	John Cech (ex-officio)	Stacy Klippenstein (ex-officio)
	Bob Carr (ex-officio)	Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)
	George White (ex-officio)	

PRESIDING: Lorrie Steerey, Vice Chair

Lorrie Steerey called the meeting to order at 3:44 p.m. in the Missouri room.

The minutes of October 19 were approved with corrections.

I. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Approved by the UCC 10/11/06

Tabled last week

Item 11 BA Major in English. Modification of an existing program.

Item 11.a ENGL 462 Studies in Literature and the Environment. New course.

Item 11.b ENGL 356 American Literature II. Change course description.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Noreen Lee to **take Items 11, 11.a, and 11.b off the table.**

Gary Acton, Chairperson of English and Philosophy, noted that he had already explained these changes for both the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Council and the UCC. It was cited that it's important that the Senate properly understand the curriculum changes the way they are intended. Dr. Acton stated that the new Academic Foundations has no upper division courses. Since many majors have only 9 credits of upper division, it is getting difficult to fulfill the 36 upper division requirement. Item 11 adds a few more upper division courses to the English major. Item 11.b updates the American Literature course, which had stopped at 1965 and will continue to the present. ENGL 462 (Item 11.a) is a new course that the English and Philosophy Department and Environmental Studies Program initiated together.

⇒ Motion to accept (from October 19, 2006, page 1848) carried with one abstention.

II. ITEM – FIRST READING

Item 26 Bylaws revision: Academic Foundations Committee. Adding a professional staff member from the Library to represent their offering(s) in the Information Literacy subcategory.

⇒ Motion by Sandie Rietz, seconded by Janii Pedersen to **approve Item 26 on first reading.**

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Johanna Mitchell to **waive second reading of Item 26.**

⇒ Motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Request to Survey the Faculty – Renee Connolly, Director of Accreditation and Quality Assurance, University of South Carolina (via email)

It was noted that Ms. Connolly emailed Provost White out of the blue to ask if she could survey the faculty in reference to their job satisfaction. Dr. White has sent her request to the Senate because the MSU-B CQI Committee will be doing several surveys soon, and he doesn't want to come up short on data because of Ms. Connolly's survey coming just before or during the MSU-B survey.

A motion was made and withdrawn to approve Ms. Connolly's survey.

It was noted that if Ms. Connolly's survey is appropriate, the CQI Committee could use her data.

A motion to ask Provost White to respond to Ms. Connolly and ask for a copy of her survey was made and withdrawn.

It was noted that if we use Ms. Connolly's survey and/or results, we will be publishing them in our NWCCU report. We will need her permission to do so.

⇒ Motion by Sandie Rietz, seconded by Keith Edgerton **to refer the matter of Ms. Renee Connolly's faculty survey to the Accreditation Steering Committee.**

⇒ Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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