Senate

College of Liberal Arts

CC 3545

November 18, 2019

2:30–4:00

**MINUTES**

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Approved unanimously at 2:33pm.

1. **Approval of Minutes from October 2019**

Approved unanimously at 2:34pm.

1. **Dean’s Report (Interim Associate Dean Betsy Klimasmith)**

* Master Plan has moved on to Provost; nothing was cut.
* Dean Terkla has been diagnosed with cancer.
  + He is feeling positive and is still on campus mostly as normal.
  + The family has asked for uplifting notes to share with him. An e-mail was circulated to chairs.

1. **Motion from Majors, Honors, and Special Programs to approve the following NEW PROGRAMS:**

* Close of Forensics Services graduate certificate
  + Programs seems to have simply run its course.
  + Also much uncertainty with CAPS course.
  + Motion approved unanimously at 2:39pm.
* Change to WGS major and minor requirement
  + New introductory course required.
  + One of three extant courses.
  + Motion approved unanimously at 2:40pm.
* Change to Psychology graduate program
  + Not a change to student experience.
  + A matter of recording the experience differently.
  + Motion approved unanimously at 2:44pm.

1. **Motion from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the following NEW courses:**

* AMSTY 275L
* AMSTY 263
* CINE 470
* HIST 182
* HIST 462
* MLLC 355L
* RELSTY 314

Motion to approve as a block passed at 2:48pm; motion to pass approved at 2:48pm.

1. **Motion from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the following CHANGES to existing courses:**

* CINE 101
* CINE 480
* GERMAN 101
* GERMAN 102
* GERMAN 201
* GERMAN 202
* GERMAN 301
* GERMAN 302
* MLLC 225L
* MLLC 255L
* SOC 104
* SOC 260
* SOC 262
* SOC 362
* SOC 363
* SOC 364
* SOC 365
* SOC 367
* SOC 471
* SOC 474

Motion to approve as a block passed at 2:50pm; motion to pass approved at 2:50pm.

1. **Update on Alternative Scheduling (Jean-Philippe Belleau)**

* Here are the basics:
  + Task Force established in February by Emily and Faculty Council fro inquiring into feasibility of going MWF to MW, with more one-day courses moving to Friday.
  + 18 people; 6 administrators, 12 faculty. Not all are attending.
  + Administrators are vocally against; they are career and mid-rank administrators
  + Committee circulated two surveys for faculty members and students; 86% want to move to MW, with answers focused on pedagogy more than research—concerned it doesn’t work for students; students corroborated; 67% of students reject MWF (1000 students answered).
  + Also contacted chairs or program directors to ask which need to be 3-day; English and MLLC and Spanish are a little more complicated, but others say zero problems.
  + Researched other universities; overwhelming majority of research universities have primarily moved away
  + Still gathering data; report due end year.
  + What is hope of change? Really unclear.
  + Proposed change doesn’t take away department autonomy on this; they can still do it that way if they want to.
  + Why administrators against? Space issues… attention span concerns… but those proven untrue. They think faculty are lazy perhaps.
  + Will the administrators be allowed to vote or not? Unclear.
  + What about the two non-attended faculty spots? Unclear.
  + Software would be needed, but cost negligible.
* What can Senate do?
  + Two phases: report; then Emily decision.
  + Maybe more effective to weigh in after report.
* Float idea of open meeting? Invite community? Students? (Dec. 2)

1. **Discussion of TA Guidelines Document Draft**

* Presentation of draft of guidelines for faculty and TA, read by Sari Edelstein.
* Senate workshopping:
  + Rephrased average/max hours issue.
  + Can TAs grade student writing? (Seems like there’s no official restriction, despite rumors.)
  + What is the role of the host department?
  + What is meant by “CLA TAs”? Some come from McCormack—how do we communicate in that case
  + Insert language about TAs advocating for themselves to advisors if needed?
  + Students and faculty should discuss readings requirements—how to approach
  + Return student emails 48 business hours. Discuss practices of communication with faculty.
  + Ideally should meet in person at least at beginning
* Pathway of this document: We circulate a revised version at individual department meetings. Get feedback. We’ll check in again in December.
* Motion approved 3:09 to circulate to departments

Next month is our last meeting of the semester, as well as Sari Edelstein’s last meeting. Send agenda items if you have them.

Motion to close session approved at 3:50pm.