

Minutes (pre-approval)

Faculty Assembly, School of Liberal Arts

2:00-4:00pm Friday, September 21, 2012 LE 103

PRESENT: Kahn, Burlingame, Zimmerman, Bingham, Shin, K. Sheeler, Pfeifer, Wokeck, Ferguson, Ardemagni, Whitchurch, Dickerson-Putman, Vogt, Freeman, Thuesen, Pike, Baker, Powell, Marvin, Eller, McVeigh, Polites, Orlando, White-Mills, Kelley, Dawe, McDonald, Rossing, Bilal, de Waal, Coleman, Lovejoy, Kidwell, Friesen, Kostroun, Springer, Gronfein, Williams, Holzman, Brant, Smith, Lyons, Gibau, Illg, Shaker, Kendall, Pease, C. Smith, Goering, Davis, Chakrabarti, Bourke, Little, Vincente, Vargas-Vila, Dwyer, Subramanian, Carstensen, Jettpace, Kryder-Reid, Cohen, White, Goldsmith, Buchenot, Jogi, Carlin, Schuvaks-Katz, Bersier, Kaviani, Di Camilla, Schneider, Beckman, Grossman, Robertson, O'Neil, Bute, Mak, Rose, Sandwina, J. S. Wilson, Wang, House-Soremekun, Barrows, Tilley, Gondola, Goff, Wheeler, Nützel, Wittberg, Pegg, Upton, Van Wyke, Harrell

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm sharp by SLA Faculty Assembly (FA) President Enrica Ardemagni.
2. The minutes from the previous meeting, 20 April 2012, were approved as written.
3. President's remarks
 - introduced herself and described the office of President of the FA
 - introduced the FA Secretary, Gail Gráinne Whitchurch, and reminded everyone to use the FA email account: fasec@iupui.edu
 - demonstrated the FA website
 - reminded everyone of the importance of faculty self-governance
 - announced that the Dean's review will occur during this academic year; is being organized through Trudy Banta's office
4. The SLA department Chairs and Directors introduced new faculty members and staff members. See accompanying Powerpoint document.
5. Dean William Blomquist presented the annual State of the School address. See accompanying Powerpoint document.

6. Old business

- a. Dennis Bingham reported on behalf of the Teaching and Advising Committee on the revisions to the teaching assessment form
 - Survey Monkey on draft over Summer 2012
 - Committee plans to present its recommendations at November 9, 2012 FA meeting
 - Testing Center will do the scanning
 - The forms for Fall 2012 will look different because they are coming from a different facility, but will have the same content as the old forms
 - The new forms will be piloted over Spr 2013
 - Question about deadline for returning course evaluations a week before the end of a semester. Answer: There is a very narrow window for analysis and return, so the results are be completed in time for use with the Faculty Annual Reports. Bingham assured everyone that the deadline is absolutely necessary, and asked Chairs to remind their faculty members of the deadline and its importance.
- b. Thomas Davis reported on the development of statewide General Education requirements
- c. Beth Goering reported on behalf of the Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards Committee about courses that fulfill SLA mathematics requirements, except for students with majors in Economics, who must take M118 and above.

7. New business

Gina Sánchez Gibau went over the rationale for her motions that the Jr/Sr Integrator requirement for a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts be suspended until further notice:

- Revision of the General Education core, which may or may not include this requirement (part of the 1998 revision)
- Ongoing confusion of the requirement, as articulated by faculty and understood by students
- Proliferation of exceptions made for the requirement, especially during peak times (e.g., during degree audits and conferrals)
- Spirit of the original conceptualization is lost; School of Science suspended the requirement indefinitely (2004)
- Older justifications (2003) remain, such as too few courses to serve current student population and lack of true cross-disciplinarity of single-course "substitutes"

MOTION 1: I move that the Jr/Sr Integrator requirement for a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts be suspended until further notice, in consideration of the impending revisions to be made to the SLA general education core curriculum, which will commence during the 2012-13 academic year. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION 2: I move that any other 300-400 level course outside a student's major be accepted in lieu of the suspended Jr-Sr Integrator requirement. MOTION PASSED.

8. Motion to adjourn

9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.