

Fall 2020 CAS General Faculty Meeting
September 8, 2020 3:30 PM
Via Zoom

- I. Welcome & Dean's Opening Remarks
- II. Election of CAS General Secretary
- III. *Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2020 CAS General Faculty Meeting
- IV. New Business:
 - a. *Ratification of College Faculty Council (CFC) Subcommittees
- V. Introduction of New Faculty Members
- VI. Discussion and Q&A regarding Fall 2020
- VII. Announcements
 - a. Virtual Professional Development Funding for 2020–2021
 - b. [WUmester 2021: Sustainability](#)
 - c. Faculty Success Groups Fall 2020
 - d. Spring 2021 CAS Faculty Colloquium

Spring CAS Faculty Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 4, BTAC Convocation Hall

- I. Dean Stephenson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- II. Dean Stephenson shared remarks about College goals and priorities.
- III. The minutes from the September 4 meeting were approved.
- IV. Old Business- none
- V. New Business
 - A. New Programs
 1. BS in Computer Information Sciences with Concentration in Data Science was approved.
 2. B.Ed. in Government and Political Science was approved.
 3. B.Ed. in Middle Grades STEM Education was amended and approved.
 4. BA in Musical Theater was approved.
 5. LEAP was approved.
 6. Minor program in African American and African Diaspora Studies was approved.
 7. Minor program in Museum and Curatorial Studies was approved.

B. Program Deletions in German and Master of Liberal Studies (MLS)

1. Tom Prasch made the following motion:

I move that the two items for program deletions be removed from the agenda on the grounds that we are being asked to “act” when the actions have already been taken, in violation of the procedures laid out in the faculty handbook (footnote* here), and thus for us now to endorse those already-taken actions would be to endorse a transparently sham model of shared governance.

*Footnote: In relations to the deletion of the German program, the absence of a concurrence by the division (the blank spot on the submitted form) either kills the initiative or compels an alternative approach in which the dean communicates in writing its (sic) reasons for non-concurrence. See Faculty Handbook sections 8. D. A. iv. and 8. F. 2. In relation to the deletion of the MLS program, the division level does not apply (although in other comparable cases, concurrence of all divisions has been sought rather than the concurrence of none of them). Nevertheless, as the dates on the submission itself makes clear, CFC approval followed, rather than preceded the actual deletion of the program.

2. Discussion of above motion and proposed program deletions:
 - a. Miguel Gonzalez-Abellas said the reason for the deletion was that the faculty position in German was not replaced when the faculty member who had been teaching in the program retired. He said that the department did not want a major to exist in the catalog that was not being taught.

- b. Dean Stephenson added that in the past five years, there had been only five students majoring in German, which is what led to the decision to not to hire a new full-time faculty member to teach German. There had been a similar dwindling in students in the MLS program, which had graduated two students in the last three years.
 - c. Prasch again stated that he believes the problem was the process undertaken to delete these programs, which he feels undermines faculty governance. For faculty to vote yes would endorse the undermining of faculty governance.
 - d. Kim Morse said that the number of students taking German 101 and 102 were sufficient to justify a position in German. Cautioned against tying faculty positions to number of majors.
 - e. Dean Stephenson said she was not sure what would be the next steps for the proposed deletions if CAS faculty removed them from the agenda. She added that she does not think it serves our students well to have programs in the catalog that are not being taught, nor does it serve students to have programs that aren't viable.
 - f. Shaun Schmidt asked whether the question should be divided to separate discussion about action on the proposed removal of these deletions.
 - 3. Rick Barker moved to divide the question and separate discussion of the proposed deletion of the BA in German from the proposed deletion of the MLS. Motion was seconded and approved.
 - 4. Motion to remove the deletion of the BA in German from the agenda was seconded and approved.
 - 5. Discussion of proposed MLS deletion:
 - a. Following a clarification question by Chris Jones, Dean Stephenson clarified that the MLS program had been administered by CAS and directed by Bruce Mactavish.
 - 6. Rick Barker moved the question and cut off debate on the motion.
 - 7. Motion to remove the deletion of the MLS program from the agenda . was approved.
- C. BA in Creative Writing was approved.
- D. BA in English Literature was amended and approved.
- E. English minor was approved.
- F. Bachelor of Integrated Studies was amended and approved.
- G. 99 Credit hour rule was amended to require 84 credit hours from CAS and approved.
- VI. Informational Items
 - A. Members of Fall 2019 Faculty Success Groups shared their projects.
- VII. Faculty members shared several announcements about upcoming events.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm.

College Faculty Council Subcommittee Assignments 2020-2021

Curriculum	Professional Development	Resources
Chair: Rebecca Meador	Chair: Allan Ayella	Chair: Matt Nyquist
Rebecca Meador (CPA)	Azyz Sharafy (CPA)	Danielle Head (CPA)
Cherry Steffen (EDKN)	Loree Weir (EDKN)	Matt Nyquist (CPA)
Justin Moss (HUMDIV)	Bradley Siebert (HUMDIV)	Ted Shonka (CPA)
Jim Schnoebelen (HUMDIV)	Courtney Sullivan (HUMDIV)	Roy Wohl (EDKN)
Janet Sharp (NSD)	Allan Ayella (NSD)	Michael O'Brien (HUMDIV)
Josh Smith (NSD)	Vince Rossi (NSD)	Seid Adem (NSD)
Amber Dickinson (SOCSCI)	Lindsey Ibanez (SOCSCI)	Rick Barker (NSD)
	Michael McGuire (SOCSCI)	Rachel Goossen (SOCSCI)
		Sangyoub Park (SOCSCI)