

Washburn University  
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee  
9 February 2006 Thursday  
HC 102  
1:00 p.m.

Attending:

Mike Manske, Jane Carpenter, Loran Smith, Shaun Schmidt, Patricia Renn-Scanlan, Ron Wasserstein, Bill Roach, Candy Bahner, Jorge Nobo

Guest:

Bill Sparks

1. The meeting was called to order by Jorge Nobo.
2. The minutes of the 5 December 2005 meeting had already been approved by e-mail.
3. The following proposals from CAS were approved:
  - a. Revision to the Actuarial Science track in mathematics.
  - b. Revision of the BS in Computer Science.
  - c. Revision of the Athletic Training track in HPEES.
  - d. Revision of the Sport Management track in HPEES
  - e. Revision of the BA in HPEES.
  - f. Change in the admission requirements for the Communication degree.
  - g. Revision of the Biology minor
  - h. Revision of the Chemistry major
4. The committee approved a version of the General Education proposal from the 5 December 2005 meeting which included 5 rather than 3 voting members from CAS and the requirement that all actions of the committee be approved by a super majority (6 out of 8 voting members).
5. Dr. Wasserstein suggested that we faced two choices:
  - a. either expand the Academic Affairs Committee to be more representative or
  - b. create another committee to deal with General Education.

There was discussion of these options. Dr. Wasserstein proposed:

1. That the Academic Affairs Committee would formally ask the Curriculum Committees of all the Academic Units for their feedback on General Education. Ron has prepared a list of questions to guide these committees. The purpose is to get some of the groundwork done by lower level committees.
  2. Ron will volunteer to work with the Academic Affairs Committee Chair to identify a General Education expert from some other campus to facilitate discussion about any proposal that ultimately emerges.
6. MOTION: Shaun Schmidt moved to recommend to the Faculty Senate that the membership of the Academic Affairs Committee be reconstituted along the lines of the Faculty Affairs Committee with representation from the School of Law exempted from membership on the committee. Motion passed on a 4-1-1 vote.

7. MOTION: Candy Bahner moved that decisions of the reconstituted Academic Affairs Committee require the affirmative vote of seven of the nine members. Motion failed for lack of a second.
8. MOTION: Loran Smith moved that decisions of the reconstituted Academic Affairs Committee require the affirmative vote of six of the nine members and that six members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business. Motion passed unanimously.
9. By unanimous consent, the committee members agreed to start the process now of securing feedback about General Education from the various Curriculum Committees of the Academic Units.
10. Meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm
11. In an email after the meeting, Jorge Nobo noted that the committee had annulled the motion passed in point 4. Subsequent emails from rest of the committee confirmed that the proposal in point 4. had been annulled by the committee

Submitted by

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Loran Smith