Present: David Holger, Ken Kruempel, John Wong, Frank Peters, Nikki Bado-Fralick, Peter Reilly, Marwan Ghandour, Eileen Thacker, Greg Luecke, Suzanne Hendrich, Ed Braun

Latin American Studies Certificate: The proposal for an undergraduate certificate in Latin American Studies was discussed. Dawn Bratsch-Prince and Thomas Waldemer from the Dept. of World Languages and Cultures were in attendance to answer questions about the proposal. The comments from AAC members were very positive. Ken Kruempel pointed out some minor inconsistencies in the proposal copy. He will provide them with the items that need attention. He encouraged them to check over the proposal once again before it goes forward.

Reilly moved that the proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Latin American Studies be approved. Thacker seconded. The motion passed with the understanding that the minor inconsistencies in the proposal copy will be corrected.

The Council discussed the duties of secretary and vice-chair. It was decided that secretarial duties would be rotated among the council members. The group discussed the duties of a vice-chair. The main duty of a vice-chair is to fill in for the Council chair when she is absent. Rather than appoint a permanent vice-chair, the group agreed that council members could substitute for the chair, if necessary, on an ad hoc basis.

The minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2006 were approved.

Unmet High School Requirements: The Council discussed the Proposal submitted to Faculty Senate Academic Standards and Admissions Committee by University Registration and Classification Committee and University Academic Advising Committee. Jane Jacobson and Gail Nonnecke from the University Academic Advising Committee were in attendance to answer questions. The proposal, put forward by the University Registration and Classification Committee and the University Academic Advising Committee, recommends that the practice of tracking students with high school unmets after admission be
discontinued, effective immediately. It is stressed that this change will not affect
the admission standards of the University.

The Council had no serious concerns about the proposal. Braun moved approval
of the proposal, Bado-Fralick seconded. The motion passed.

The Council discussed the desirability of spending some time discussing
significant policy issues related to academic affairs. There was a feeling that we
have not done enough of this in the recent past and that the Academic Affairs
Council is the appropriate place for discussion of substantive academic policy
issues. David Holger mentioned several potential issues. Chair Suzanne
Hendrich asked the Council members to look over the issues on the list that was
distributed (2006-07 ISU Faculty Senate, Appointments/Policies/Programs
Progress Status) and decide which ones are our highest priorities. Members
were also encouraged to think about other issues that might warrant our
attention.

The Council discussed whether a representative from the Honorary Degrees
Committee needs to attend the Academic Affairs Council meetings. The by-laws
do not indicate that the Honorary Degrees Committee be represented on the
Council. The group decided that we will follow the by-laws and the Honorary
Degrees Committee rep will no longer attend the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.
Minutes prepared by Braun