Academic Affairs Council
September 15, 2008
Minutes, Approved 10/13/08

Attending: Suzanne Hendrich, Greg Luecke, Jim Thompson, John Wong, Dave Holger, Michael Clough

Council charge reviewed, AAC still needs an LAS representative

Jim moved to accept minutes for the April 14 meeting, John seconded, minutes were approved.

Jim gave an FSCC overview:
A proposal from Chemistry would eliminate one of Chem 163 or 164. This change is too late to incorporate into this catalog cycle, but the plan is to drop the course in '09 (last time taught?) Michael suggested there should be feedback on how this impacts various majors, especially Biology. Departments need curriculum changes approved by October 3.

Dave suggested that there is just not enough time to resolve this issue without impacting other programs.

Michael thought there may be other questions to answer, such as how staffing levels would be affected for Chem 177-178 (the alternatives for students who would miss out on 164) as student shift to a different course.

Suzanne noted that Chemistry should do the legwork to show that this change does not have a negative impact on other programs.

There was some discussion of increased credits for Vet Med 4th year, and that the Business College want to add a course and cut minor credits. This is due Oct 31, so they may have time to do this.

The Regents meeting June 12 approved:
World Language and Culture
Insect Science name change
Culinary Science major
Biological Systems minor
Plant Biology
Agriculture and Life Sciences Education

There were a set of LAS courses that had minimum grade requirements that may not have gone through the appropriate committee approvals.

The new admission standards are on the ISU website. Are there any provisions for students who do not exactly meet these new standards? What is the appeals process?
Where is the grey zone? Because this is a faculty responsibility any deviations will need faculty approval.

Dave made modifications to the Wildlife merger proposal and it has been returned to them for action at the next Faculty Senate meeting (?)

The language in Section 10 of the Faculty Handbook caused some trouble last year, and this language and the requirements may need review and changes.

Submitted by Greg R. Luecke