Minutes
Academic Affairs Council
ISU Faculty Senate
March 11, 2009

Meeting started at 8:05 AM; Ended at 9:05 AM

Present: Abelson (CI, Chair FSAS), Agarwal (BUS), Dell (Music), Hendrich (FSHNH, Chair), Martin (AGEDS), Thompson (VDPAM, Chair FSCC), Holger [EVPP] (Ex-Officio)
Absent: Clough (CI), Katz (ART), Luecke (ME), Vlastislav (BMS)

Meeting was called to order by S. Hendrich at 8:05 a.m. in the Lab of Mechanics.

No action was taken on the minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting for lack of quorum.

1. Thompson reported the catalog will be available electronically in February 2011 as a one-year trial. It will be a one-year catalog as opposed to the usual two-year catalog. The Curriculum committee needs to elect a new chair for a new 2-year term starting Fall 2010.

2. Abelson reported that the Academic Standards Committee needs to elect a new chair for a new 2-year term starting Fall 2010.

3. Hendrich reported that student leaders will be attending April 1st meeting to continue discussion about sharing course evaluations with students.

4. Hendrich discussed the need to formalize procedure/policy for discontinuation of an academic program. Although Handbook Section 10.8 has been used in the past to approve new courses and programs, it is not clear if the same policy can be used to approve discontinuation of courses and programs. Holger reported that the Senate has previously approved such a policy (reference-Senate docket 89-17) that specifies procedure for discontinuation of academic programs. This document could be starting point for discussion or adoption. Furthermore, it can be discussed whether this should appear in the handbook and if, so whether it should appear in a separate section (e.g. as 10.9).

5. The next meeting of the Academic Affairs Council is scheduled for April 1, 2010 in Lab of Mechanics at 8:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Agarwal