Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Council
Meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd, 2011, 12-1:00 pm
107 Lab of Mechanics

Minutes

Council members present
Suzanne Hendrich, Chair of AAC
Sanjeev Agarwal, College of Business
Paul Anderson, College of Design
Lee Burras, ASAC
Michael Clough, College of Human Sciences
Brad Dell, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Robert Martin, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Guests present
None

Previous meeting minutes
March 8, 2011 — check spelling of Ann Marie’s last name. Minutes were approved as amended

Committee reports

(a) Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee
No report

(b) Academic Standards and Admissions
No report

Old Business

(a) Proposed revisions to program approval procedures (dated March 3) will help bring consistency between the Faculty Handbook and the Provost’s Web site. At our last AAC meeting, David Holger suggested shortening the material on the Provost’s Web site, then including a link to section 10.8.1 of the Faculty Handbook. Hendrich proposed a paragraph for the Provost’s Web site. Dell moved that the proposed paragraph be forwarded to the Provost. Clough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(b) For a proposed minor, the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Web site states that the approval procedures are required “only for minors for which a major does not already exist.” For consistency, this phrase should be added to the Provost’s Web site. For our next AAC meeting, Hendrich will prepare proposed changes to the Provost’s Web site.

(c) Proposed revisions to program discontinuation procedures (dated March 3) will help bring consistency between the Faculty Handbook and the Provost’s Web site. Text in red color font on the March 3 proposal would be added to section 10.8.2 of the Faculty Handbook. Also, a link is needed on the Provost’s Web site to section 10.8.2 of the Faculty Handbook. Martin moved that the proposed changes be forwarded to the Provost. Agarwal seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

(a) Hendrich introduced the proposal to rename the minor in Sport and Culture to Sport and Recreation. Because this involves a name change only, the curriculum requirements need not be reviewed. Dell moved that the name change be approved. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
(b) Hendrich described the impetus for minimum credit requirements for degrees, minors, and certificates. Currently, there is no uniform policy, so this proposed language describes current practices. However, the proposal should be reviewed by the Graduate Council and Graduate Curriculum and Catalog Committee for potential changes in policies. Hendrich will ask David Holger to forward the proposal to the appropriate committees and ask for their input.

(c) As part of current catalog revisions, the Department of Physics has proposed major changes in their courses to accommodate their curriculum changes. The proposed course changes would take effect next fall and would affect students of other majors required to take physics courses. Because ISU is transitioning to a one year catalog cycle, the deadline for challenges and expressing concerns is unclear. This issue will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 12:00 noon

Minutes prepared by Paul Anderson