

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Minutes of Tuesday, 8 June 2010, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: N. Andreadis, R. Aravamuthan, K. Baldner, D. Cowan, B. Ferrin, K. Hearit, K. Hillenbrand, P. Krawutschke, M. Kritzman, D. Reinhold (for Provost T. Greene), D. Sachs, V. Torano, G. Whitehurst

Absent without substitution: A. Anderson, D. Ravotas, A. Smith, C. Thralls, J. Wu

Guests: José Brandão, chair, Committee to Oversee General Education, and Margaret Hamilton, member, COGE

Also present: Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office

Procedural Items

Council Chair Bruce Ferrin called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

Cowan moved acceptance of the agenda, seconded by Hillenbrand. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Aravamuthan moved approval of the minutes of 11 May 2010, seconded by Cowan. Motion carried.

Action Items

Curriculum Proposals from the Department of Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging, in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

1. Change the name of the Imaging major to Graphic and Printing Science [CEAS-10-14-PCI]

2. Change the name of the Imaging minor to Graphic and Printing Science [CEAS-10-16-PCI]

Aravamuthan addressed the council regarding both of these proposals. This is considered a “minor” change to make the nature of these programs more transparent to incoming students. Baldner moved adoption of these proposals, seconded by Whitehurst. Motion carried.

Information/Discussion Items

*General Education – José Brandão, Chair,
Committee to Oversee General Education*

José Brandão addressed the council regarding proposals from COGE concerning what should be included on syllabi for COGE courses. An extensive discussion followed. Peter Krawutschke suggested the council wait for direction from the Faculty Senate Executive Board which will be soon suggesting new charges to this and other councils.

COGE also wanted to call to the council’s attention the large number of general education courses that are not taught by regular members of the faculty, and the increasing pressure from various professional programs for general education courses specifically designed for their particular students.

Review Council Charges and Responsibilities

The council discussed the degree of progress made on the tasks charged to it for this year by the Faculty Senate Executive Board and considered some issues the council would like to tackle next year.

Other

Hearit reported on admissions numbers for next year. The trends are up from last year at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner