

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Tuesday, 11 June 2013, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: K. Ackerson, A. Anderson, N. Andreadis, R. Aravamuthan, K. Baldner, Bruce Ferrin (for J. Atkin), K. Hillenbrand, M. Kritzman, D. Reinhold, D. Sachs, D. Walcott, G. Whitehurst. **Absent without substitution:** J. Cuarto, C. Tremblay. **Guest:** Carla Koretsky, Incoming Dean of the Lee Honors College.
Also present: Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate, and Betty Dennis, Associate Dean, Extended University Programs.

Procedural Items

Council Chair Ariel Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

Whitehurst moved acceptance of the agenda, seconded by Kritzman. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Ackerson moved approval of the minutes of 14 May 2013, with the change that Walcott was absent with substitution (not without, as recorded), seconded by Aravamuthan. Motion carried.

Chair's Remarks

Council Anderson noted that she was re-elected to the council, along with Atkin, Baldner, and Kritzman. Thralls' and Torano's terms have expired. Andreadis is retiring, and yet came for his last meeting! He will be replaced by the new dean of the Lee Honors College, Carla Koretsky, starting 1 July.

Anderson invited Andreadis to make any desired comments to the council. He thanked the council for their service to the University, and for allowing the LHC to be at the table at the USC. He suggested that the task of this council will get more complicated over the coming years for a variety of reasons.

Council members introduced themselves to incoming dean of the Lee Honors College, Carla Koretsky, who will join this council in the fall.

Kritzman also reported on the last Faculty Senate meeting. (She attended in Anderson's stead.) Provost Tim Greene's appraisal was completed and reported on 16 May 2013.

Anderson reported sending an email to Marilyn Duke regarding discussions regarding charges for the Intellectual Skills Program Advisory Committee. (Duke's and Anderson's emails are attached.)

Action Items

*Curriculum Proposal – Deletion of the American Studies Program
(both Major and Minor) [CAS 1160]*

A 2009 Faculty Review Committee recommended the elimination of this program. No official action was taken at that time, but the program has been dormant since then. The program currently has no faculty, resources, or students. Hillenbrand moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Andreadis. Motion carried.

*Curriculum Proposal – Change the Name of the Environmental Studies Program to
Environmental and Sustainability Program (Major, Non-Education Minor,
and Teaching Minor) [CAS 1152]*

Including "Sustainability" in the name provides a more accurate description of the program and its objectives. Given the current emphasis on sustainability at the University, the name change is appropriate and timely. Kritzman moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Whitehurst. Motion carried.

*Review of Graduate Studies Council Recommendations to Revise the Current Policy
on Accelerated Degree Programs to allow AD Programs for Those Entering Specialist
and Doctoral Degree Programs, in Addition to Master's Degree Programs (tabled at 9
April 2013 meeting, and remained tabled at 14 May 2013 meeting) – David Reinhold
and Marilyn Kritzman*

Kritzman and Reinhold both addressed the council about their meeting with GSC. Several minor changes in language were agreed to, but some of the concerns raised by USC some months back were not addressed at this meeting. We reviewed those concerns, and Kritzman and Reinhold will go back to GSC to try to work out these concerns. This will be tabled again until the fall while we try to get all this straightened out.

Discussion/Action Items

Election of 2013-14 Council Officers

Anderson, Kritzman, and Baldner were (respectively) re-elected council chair, vice chair, and secretary.

Council Charges

Council Chair Reports to the Senate Executive Board are due at the end of June. Anderson noted that we had dealt with the majority of the charges given to us. Anderson's council report will be turned in to the Executive Board.

Other

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner

From: "Marilyn V Duke" <m.duke@wmich.edu>
To: "Ariel Anderson" <ariel.anderson@wmich.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 10:49:52 AM
Subject: ISPAC

Ariel - When the ISPAC met a few weeks ago, we reviewed the charge from USC. After a fair amount of discussion, we are respectfully requesting that another committee be established to address the last two items regarding:

1. Develop recommendations on starting campus dialogs to commit to and make necessary changes happen to ensure the college-level writing, college-level mathematics, and baccalaureate-level writing courses are building on the ISDP foundation and enhancing the students' skills (Priority #1 from USC)
2. Recommend development opportunities for faculty teaching the baccalaureate-level writing courses

They feel that addressing developmental issues as well as these two items were too large of a task.

With the Provost's Office having a commission looking at writing, perhaps that is the place to start. Otherwise, if you'd like to talk more about this or have me do something else, let me know. We'll continue with the other eight charges.

Marilyn
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From: Ariel L H Anderson [mailto:ariel.anderson@wmich.edu]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 11:48 AM
To: Marilyn V Duke
Cc: ariel.anderson; Janice Anderson; Faculty Senate
Subject: ISPAC Charges

Hi, Marilyn. At the USC's May 14 meeting we did discuss your request that the following two charges be removed from ISPAC (taken from your email to me):

1. Develop recommendations on starting campus dialogs to commit to and make necessary changes happen to ensure the college-level writing, college-level mathematics, and baccalaureate-level writing courses are building on the ISDP foundation and enhancing the students' skills (Priority #1 from USC)
2. Recommend development opportunities for faculty teaching the baccalaureate-level writing courses

The upshot of the discussion was that USC wishes to keep these two charges on the list for ISPAC. We recognize that ISPAC has a lot to accomplish, and are patient with regard to both addressing and completing these two charges, but the Council does wish to keep the charges on ISPAC's "plate" - the Council believes this is the appropriate place for these charges. It is just fine to postpone addressing these charges until the Fall.

With regard to charge #2 (above), we recommend that ISPAC communicate with Andrea Beach to explore possibilities for Andrea's office setting up the appropriate faculty development workshops. It may well be that members of ISPAC would be valuable contributors as presenters/facilitators for such workshops, but it is appropriate for Andrea's office to take the lead on setting up such faculty development opportunities. Perhaps you would like to invite Andrea to attend one of your Fall meetings?

With regard to charge #1 (above), we suggest that you place on an early Fall ISPAC agenda discussion of how to proceed with this charge. ISPAC may wish to ask pertinent members of both administration and faculty to be guest members of this conversation. USC feels sure that there are members of both the faculty and the administration who would be interested. Furthermore, note that the charge is for ISPAC to "develop recommendations" (presumably to be fed back to USC), not necessarily to fully establish and administer the process.

Again, USC recognizes that ISPAC has many charges to accomplish, some more "ongoing" than others. We appreciate the service of all members of ISPAC, and stand willing to assist in whatever ways we can. We hope that ISPAC will feel a bit of relief, understanding that USC does not expect all charges to be completed this year.

With my warmest regards,

Ariel Anderson
Chair, USC