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Academic Senate
November 18, 2014
3:30 p.m.
Alumni Gallery

Members present: Paul Delaney (Professor of English), Mary Docter (Professor of Modern Languages), Michelle Hardley (Secretary - Registrar), Paul Morgan (Professor of Economics and Business), Edd Noell (Professor of Economics and Business), Mark Sargent (Chair and Provost), Jim Taylor (Professor of Philosophy), David Vander Laan (Professor of Philosophy),

Absent: Tori Ippolito (WCSA Student Rep), Tatiana Nazarenko (Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness), Brenda Smith (Professor of Psychology), Niva Tro (Professor of Chemistry)

Others present: Bill Wright (Associate Provost)

I. Devotion – Mary Docter

II. The minutes from November 11, 2014 were approved

III. Proposal to modify the Art major requirements
Nathan presented an overview of the changes to the major and the rationale behind the revisions. The proposal includes one new course, restructuring two existing courses and adding 4 units to the major.

Senators discussed the proposal. Bill will continue in conversation with Scott regarding some of the load implications. Senate will continue its discussion in a future meeting.

IV. Courses in Film Making Draft Policy Statement
Mark drafted a proposed policy statement regarding courses that involve the use of film making instruction. The statement was slightly modified by the Academic Senate Review Committee.

Senate approved the policy and Michelle will post it to the Provost’s website under the Department Chair Resources link.

V. Report from the First Year Seminar Pilot
Senators reviewed the results of the surveys given to students and faculty involved in the First Year Seminars this semester and discussed their implications. Overall it seemed that the Seminars were a positive experience for most involved.

Senators agreed that the First Year Seminars should be offered again in the fall 2015. Senators may want to consider tracking the students who took the course and comparing their college experience to their entering cohort.
VI. Continued Discussion on Syllabus Guidelines
Mark presented an overview of the features of the revised syllabus guidelines and the rationale behind some of the changes. The guidelines indicate what is required and what is optional, and gives additional information on some of the items to increase clarity.

Senators mentioned that the library resource statement was missing from the document.

Senate approved the document with the addition of the library resource statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hardley
Registrar