

CAS Faculty Senate Meeting – Minutes

December 14, 2015

a. Senators Present

Andrea Barrier, William Boyer, Martha Carper, Michael Cotsell, Leslie Criston, Richard Cunningham, Deni Galileo, Mark Greene, Eynat Gutman, Arild Hestvik, Jenny Lambe, Yuk Leung, Barbara Ley, Rudi Matthee, Mark Miller, Phillip Mink, John Morgan, John McNutt (for James Morrison), Jennifer Nauen, Jill Neitzel, Sandeep Patel, Blake Smith, Mary Margaret Werth, Lance Winn.

b. Senators Absent

Aryana Alborzi, Jocelyn Alcantara-Garcia, Ted Davis, Alan Fox, Adele Hayes, Maria Johnson, Stuart Kaufman, Aishwarya Krishnakumar, Chad Nicholson, Yasser Payne, Tony Seraphim.

Meeting called to order by President Phillip Mink at 4:00 pm.

Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Approved unanimously.

2. Approval of minutes from meeting of November 16, 2015

Approved unanimously.

3. President's remarks: Phillip Mink

Provost Visit

The Provost has agreed to address CAS Senate in the spring. We will announce details as we move along. Expect a presentation and vigorous Q&A.

Thanks to those who have helped prepare today's agenda, particularly Cathy Conrad & Mary Cleveland. Thanks also to Andrea Barrier and the Ed Affairs Committee.

4. Educational Affairs Committee

A. Consent agenda

I. Chemistry courses renumbering

- a. APA ARTC Revise BA-chem renumbering
- b. APA BISC Revise BA BISC-ED chem-renumbering
- c. APA MATH Revise BS MathEd-chem renumber
- d. APA PHYS AST Revise BA Physics chem renumber
- e. APA PHYS AST Revise BA Physics Ed-chem renumber
- f. APA PHYS AST Revise BS Astronomy-chem renumber
- g. APA PHYS AST Revise BS Physics-chem renumber

Approved unanimously.

II. Catalog Clarifications of Approved Courses

- a. APA HIST Revise BA AmericanHist-rev11.25.15
- b. APA HIST Revise BA HIST+FL-rev11.25.15
- c. APA HIST Revise BA History-rev11.25.15
- d. APA HIST Revise BA WorldHist-rev11.25.15
- e. APA HIST Revise Minor History-rev11.25.15
- f. APA HIST Revise BA EuropeanHist-rev11.25.15
- g. APA HIST-ED Revise BA HistoryEd-rev12.3.15

Hannah Kim for History: The changes are clarifications on what counts as a 300 level course. There are no program changes.

a. to g. Approved unanimously.

- h. APA LAIS Revise BA rev11.10.15
- i. APA LAIS Revise Minor rev11.10.15

Phil Penix-Tadsen for LAIS: Revisions are housekeeping; including the elimination of courses not taught for years, adding new courses added over the years, and updating course names.

h. and i. Approved unanimously.

III. Asking for Permanent Status

- a. APA DISA MS PermStatus
- b. APA DISA PhD PermStatus

Sue McNeil, Director of Graduate Studies: Asking for retroactive approval of small but successful programs that have been around for several years. It is an interdisciplinary program.

Deni Galileo: have you checked on the procedure for retroactive approval

Sue McNeil: Have checked and been told this is the procedure. Have already granted degrees

a. & b. Approved unanimously.

- c. APA LING+CS PERM-STATUS BA Linguistics

Benjamin Bruening, Chair of Linguistics & Cognitive Science: The BA is up for approval now. It is a fairly small BA program in Linguistics but with high enrolment in its classes.

Approved unanimously.

- d. APA MUSC PERM STATUS BM Composition
- e. APA MUSC PERM STATUS BM MusicHist+Lit

Duane Cottrell for Music: Five years ago, we decided to separate theory and composition. This proposal asks for permanent status for that separation. The music history program has been successful as preparation for grad school.

d. & e. Approved unanimously.

- IV. Asking that Permanent Status not be Approved
 - a. APA SPPA NotApprovePermStatus 4+1 MAHP
 - b. APA SPPA NotApprovePermStatus MAHP

Rebecca Sheppard for Public Policy and Administration: A key faculty member retired, so we decided not to continue the programs.

Jill Neitzel: Is the program dependent on the person?

RS: The person is not being replaced.

a. & b. Approved unanimously.

- V. Eliminate EDUC 419
 - a. APA LLC Revise BA FrenchEd-rev11.18.15
 - b. APA LLC Revise BA GermanEd-rev11.18.15
 - c. APA LLC Revise BA ItalianEd-rev11.18.15
 - d. APA LLC Revise BA SpanishEd-rev11.18.15

Ikram Masmoudi for LLC: Diversity is covered in many other methods courses so this is redundant. Added language to the existing courses to ensure proficiency.

a. to d. Approved unanimously.

- B. Non-consent agenda
 - I. Departments will explain
 - a. APA ART Revise Minor Art

Troy Richards, Chair of Art & Design: The proposal gives more options for students entering the minor.

Approved unanimously.

- b. APA BISC Revise BA BISC-rev11.18.15

Deni Galileo for BISC: The aim is to give students more flexibility. We are adjusting requirements for literature based courses and other requirements. Some adjustments to the order of courses and making adjustments to various physics, statistics, and other math requirements. We are updating the list of approved electives from other departments due to classes that are now defunct.

John Morgan: Speaking qua physics teacher, MATH 241 used to be required, MATH 221 does not require trigonometry. There are undergrads in PHYS 201 and 202 who have forgotten their trigonometry. I welcomed MATH 241 because it ensured that familiarity with trigonometry. Also, I am puzzled by the point that calculus is not required for any BISC courses and I am not aware of any BISC course that has a PHYS pre-requisite. Some students are taking these PHYS courses in their senior year, so the courses cannot be integrated into other courses. So why the requirement to take PHYS 201 and 202?

Deni Galileo: We believe that BISC students should have courses in most of the natural sciences.

John Morgan: Not only that, they should KNOW something in other natural sciences. We should talk about this.

Deni Galileo: MATH 241 is good not only for BISC majors. We hope to develop a course that has calculus suitable for all life sciences majors.

Yuk Leung: There is a specific section of MATH 241 for biology majors.

Deni Galileo: It has not worked so well for scheduling reasons. I know that many of our 200 majors have not taken that specific section but I don't know what the problem is.

Jennifer Nauen: Is John suggesting that BISC majors should have a different physics pre-requisite than others?

John Morgan: The problem is that the pre-requisite lasts seven years by UD policy. Students have often forgotten the substance by the time it comes to it.

John Morgan: If that's the issue, change the pre-requisite, don't just change the requirements for one dept. We are only asking to apply the same standard as for every other department in the college.

Approved unanimously.

c. APA BISC Revise BS BISC-CMBG-rev11.18.15

Deni Galileo: This moves pre-requisites to the appropriate list, rather than having them as conditions for application to the major. The thesis requirement has been deleted though it is still an option. Still requires 44 credits in the major – it is still rigorous. Other changes improve flexibility and reflects actual practice that currently requires special permissions.

Approved unanimously.

d. APA CHEM-BIOC Revise Grad Coursework Reqs-Revised

Don Watson for CHEM: This allows more faculty to approve individual adjustments to requirements. Updates curriculum requirements to reflect current catalog. Elimination of foreign language requirement.

Approved unanimously.

e. APA ENGL Revise Minor Writing

Christine Cucciarre for ENGL: Originally, we did not have this class required because it was not always staffed – but it does make sense as a requirement.

Approved unanimously.

f. APA FASH+AS Revise MS Fash+Apparel Studies

Huantian Cao, Director of Graduate Studies: We want to create specific course for the professional projects requirement. Also adding research methods and statistical analysis courses.

Approved unanimously.

g. APA LING+CS Revise Minor CogSci

h. APA LING+CS Revise Minor Linguistics

Benjamin Bruening: Updating Cognitive Science minor to be more in line with the BS. Adding a new course to the Linguistics minor, adding one other disjunctive course option.

g. & h. Approved unanimously.

i. APA LLC Revise MA FLL-rev11.24.15

j. APA LLC Revise MA FLP-rev11.24.15

Ikram Masmoudi: Change in admissions requirements. Asking non-native domestic students be given a proficiency test.

Mark Greene: What are non-native domestic students?

IM: Students from other countries may not have the target language – this is to test them.

i. & j. Approved unanimously.

k. APA LLC Revise Minor Arabic-rev11.13.15

Ikram Masmoudi: The minor would start one semester earlier than it does currently. This is the procedure for other languages in our department

Approved unanimously.

l. APA MATH Revise BA MathSciences-change name

m. APA MATH Revise BS AppliedMathematics

n. APA MATH Revise BS MathSciences-change name+reqs

o. APA MATH Revise BS QBIO

Rakesh, MATH UG program director: l. Is a name change to avoid one of our BAs having same name as the department. Now that we offer many degrees that can cause confusion. m. Administrative changes, made an earlier mistake confusing course and credits. n. Name change for same reason above, had a more stringent requirement than the college requirement, want to give more flexibility. o. Adding 9 courses to the long list of integrative and technical electives.

l. to o. Approved unanimously.

p. APA MUSC Revise BM MusicComp

q. APA MUSC Revise BM MusicEd-GenChoral

r. APA MUSC Revise BM MusicEd-GenChoral-Piano

s. APA MUSC Revise MusicEd-Instrumental

t. APA MUSC Revise Minor MusicMgmtStds

Duane Cottrell: p. is a minor technical change to add professional recording techniques as a requirement rather than an elective; q. & r. have renumbered a course, this revises the catalog listings; s. allows pianists to substitute piano credit with a secondary instrument; t. did require intense music theory. That was ok for music majors but was not needed for music management. Suggest other courses instead.

p. to t. Approved unanimously.

u. APA POSC+IR Revise BA Intl Relations

v. APA POSC+IR Revise BA POSC

Paul Brewer, Interim Chair: These are minor changes. Adds a new course. Renames a course. Adds some existing courses to the menu of options.

u. to v. Approved unanimously.

w. APA SPPA Revise BA PublicPolicy-rev11.20.15

x. APA SPPA Revise MPA Program-rev12.3.15

y. APA SPPA Revise Minor PublicPolicy-rev11.23.15

z. APA SPPA Revise BS OCL-rev11.19.19

aa. APA SPPA Revise GradCert HistoricPreservation

bb. APA SPPA Revise MA UAPP

Rebecca Sheppard: We want to allow more flexibility in the capstone. Retirements are putting pressure on our offerings so we have decided to open up areas of concentration, including options to take courses in other departments.

James Flynn: Look for opportunities to share common courses with MPA and MA. We are re-aligning courses to allow them to work across both programs. Note, there is a simple math error in the form.

Andrea Barrier: It's being handled.

Rebecca Sheppard: y. Allows greater flexibility.

John McNutt: z. Removes a course because of lack of people to teach it.

Rebecca Sheppard: aa. bb. Adds an option for the certificate program.

w. to bb. Approved unanimously.

cc. APA WOMS Revise BA WOMS-WomenInGlobal

Kathy Turkel: Updates the concentration to include regular courses that were not on the list of options.

Approved unanimously.

II. New Minors

a. APA HIST-MSP Add Minor MuseumStudies

Katie Grier: we recently decided to add a minor that helps the mission of public engagement, consistent with a Carnegie initiative. We are working hard to attract students of color in collaboration with other units. Anticipating about 10 students a year.

John McNutt: Fantastic idea! Talking with other colleagues – you are very well regarded:

Katie Grier: [Voiced no objection.]

Approved unanimously.

a. APA LLC New Minor SpanishForHealthcare

Phil Penix-Tadsen: This has been in progress for years. It has lots of support.

Approved unanimously.

I. New Majors

a. APA ART NEW MA InteractionDesign

Art Rep: Mainly targeting our existing graduating BFA students for a 4+1 model. Others can apply.

b. APA LLC New MA 4+1 ItalianStudies

c. APA LLC New MA ItalianStudies

Italian rep: Targeting students who don't necessarily want to go into teaching. Prepares students for other fields.

a. to c. Approved Unanimously.

d. APA LLC New BA Arabic .

Jill Neitzel: Anthropology objects for two reasons. We are committed to supporting Islamic Studies in the existing single integrated major. We do not see the rationale for an additional major. We consider it to set a bad precedent; jeopardizing other area studies majors and departmental majors by raising the possibility of their majors being coopted.

Rudi Matthee: Procedural objection based on lack of consultation for affected departments – there was very late notice of this proposal, which will duplicate the existing Islamic Studies minor with more of a slant to language. This will affect existing programs. Similar changes have led to drops in student numbers.

Ikram Masmoudi for LLC: There is no existing Islamic Studies major (Jill Neitzel – I misspoke). This is complementary with other programs. Our language students want to major in Islamic Studies.

Eynat Gutman: The Arabic major goes far beyond the minor. I don't see how this will really impact others.

John Morgan: How many credits of Arabic language will there be in the major?

Ikram Masmoudi: 25 credits in Arabic.

John Morgan: This links back to a debate a year ago concerning 'culture' in the department name. We would do well to have more extensive requirements for BA programs and should be working together to strengthen them by requiring majors in one department to take several courses in other departments.

Phillip Mink: [To Andrea Barrier, Ed Affairs Chair] Was this proposal in line with the notice given for consultation with other depts.

Andrea Barrier: It was not unusual on a tight deadline, though it might be ill-advised if it was going to be controversial.

Phil Penix-Tadsen: Speaking as someone in Spanish, it is unfathomable that colleagues would object to increasing the strength of a language program. It will help the related interdisciplinary program.

Ikram Masmoudi: Many students minoring in Arabic are also minoring in Islamic Studies.

Approved with 4 opposed.

e. APA PHYS+AST Add BA Astronomy-rev12 3 15

Matt DeCamp, Physics and Astronomy Undergraduate Program Director: This new BA responds to student interest and fills a gap in our offerings, primarily drawing on courses currently offered in the department.

John Morgan: There are some typos in the catalog language.

Andrea Barrier: That is being handled.

Approved unanimously.

5. Old Business

None.

6. Introduction of New Business

John Morgan: There has been coverage in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Inside Higher Education* on Academic Analytics and the controversy at Rutgers. Rutgers is voting on a resolution that Academic Analytics not be used because of multiple errors. Academic Analytics is the service that UD uses. I will circulate links to the relevant coverage.

Deni Galileo: Is there a sense of what should happen, what we might do?

John Morgan: We should study the Rutgers vote carefully and think about what we should do. I have raised issues before in the University Faculty Senate but there's been no follow up.

Phillip Mink: The provost has referred to Academic Analytics data in the past, e.g. in the CT renaming issue.

Adjournment: 17:25pm.