FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

December 4, 2008

SU 216
1:40 P.M.-2:50 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Chair Effie Kritikos, Kim Ambriz, Lesa Davis, Jon Hageman, Mostafa Maksy, Dan Milsky, Cyndi Moran, Emmanuel Nyadroh, Tim Scherman,

Absent: Janalyn Meehan

Ex-Officio: Provost Larry Frank

Chair Kritikos called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m.

1. Old Business (ROTC memo)

The matter was considered by the Faculty Senate. A hand-out describes FCAA's motion of May 8 and decision of November 6. A revised hand-out could summarize the history of the ROTC curricular proposal process. NEIU was approached by ROTC during Fall 2007. The primary purposes for dissemination of information regarding this process are communication and transparency throughout the university.

2. Approval of Minutes

Dan Milsky (Tim Scherman) moved to approve minutes of November 20, 2008.

3. Report from Chair

Discussion of ROTC training and MILS 101, 102, 201, 202. These curricular proposals were not presented with transmittal forms. Discussion. A short form of catalog course descriptions and week-to-week syllabi will help clarify the difference between courses. Can ROTC confirm that physical training will take place at other campuses (notably UIC) and not involve public displays?

Tim Scherman motioned to approve MILS 101, 102, 201, 202 based on strict curricular review, contingent upon distribution of a publication letter announcing a ten-day challenge period, and receipt of requisite information necessary to develop a curricular proposal transmission form. Passed.

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Lesa Davis (Cyndi Moran) moved that FCAA, in its strict academic approval of ROTC curricula, reaffirms its commitment to diversity. Passed.

11 Curricular Proposals will be distributed in paper form to FCAA and presented for review at the next meeting. NDP310 will be sent electronically.

Fast-track WIFAC's.

The administrative assistant should purchase a multi-page-loading scanner immediately to expedite distribution of electronic curricular proposals to FCAA.

4. Report from Provost

The university is searching for a Director of Institutional Studies, and will search for a Dean of the College of Business and Management.

5. Report from the Curriculum Committee

Jon Hageman moved to approve prefix changes for 3 courses listed in MLED. Passed.

A challenge has been posted to the title change from Board of Governors to Interdisciplinary Studies. See hand-out. Challengers prefer the title be changed to BA in General Studies. Discussion.

Tim Scherman (Jon Hageman) motioned that FCAA recognize the concerns of the challengers (CAS) and change the name from BOG to Interdisciplinary Studies. Passed. 1 Abstention.

6. New Business (Policy on final projects)

Kate Forhan, the Dean of CAS, asks that FCAA consider the need for faculty to hold final exams and final projects (that are not returned to students) for one year.

Lesa Davis will develop and present a motion at the next meeting to further the intent that faculty must keep student papers, grade books and attendance records for one year following final exams.

7. Adjournment

Mostafa Maksy (Tim Scherman) moved to adjourn at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mostafa Maksy
Secretary