Minutes of the Faculty Council on Academic Affairs
April 19, 2007

Present: Barbara Bales, Lawrence Berlin, Bradley Greenburg, Harry Hild, Effie Kritikos, Emmanuel Nyadroh, Steve Riess, Allen Shub, Brett Stockdill, Joaquin Villegas

Absent: Vicki Byard, Lidia Filus, Ana Gil-Garcia,

Ex-Officio: Provost Lawrence Frank

Chair Hild called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes of April 5, 2007

   The approval of the minutes was postponed.

2. Report from the Chair

   Hild discussed a memo he intends sent to the department chairs and faculty about the writing-intensive course requirement for graduation to be put in place in Fall, 2008.

3. Report from the Provost

   Next Wednesday is lobby day, when the needs of higher education can be brought to the attention of state legislators. This year will be the first year the University will participate in a systematic way. Representatives from all aspects of the University will attend.

   The education building is written into the Governor's budget for the first time.

4. Report from the Curriculum Committee

   Bales reported that the following curricular proposals have been published with a challenge period ending April 30, 2007:

   - CMT MDIA 165 – Broadcasting and New Media (course title change)
   - CMT MDIA 362 – Video Production Workshop (new course)
   - CMT MDIA 364 – Writing for Media (new course)
   - CMT MDIA 364A – Writing for Media: Sitcom (new course)
   - CMT MDIA 377 – Gender and Media (new course)
   - ZHON 191 – Honors Introduction to the Arts (new course)
   - ENGL 483 – Postcolonial Literature (new course)

Kim Sanborn made the changes required by this committee for NEIU 303, Preparing for Graduate Study (the McNair Scholars Program course).

There was a discussion about the apparent delay in FCAA course approval and the delay in entering them into the master course list.

5. New Business – Review of the FY 2009-2014 Priorities Statements

The Provost distributed a handout, "Review of the FY 2009-14 Priorities Statements." He pointed out that under Goal 1 strategy 1.7, "Evaluate the first year experience" brings a change in emphasis from previous years as does strategy 1.4, "Improve the strategic use of financial aid and scholarship funds for the recruitment and retention of students.

Strategy 1.2, "Increase diverse graduate enrollments and rate of degree completion and increase the number of new graduate students in selected programs …" does not include the College of Education. The plans for growth are focused.

Teacher training that involves the College of Arts and Sciences was also discussed.

6. Adjournment

Berlin (Nyadroh 2nd) moved for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Effie Kritikos
Secretary