FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

January 25, 2007

Room SU-216
1:40 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of

   - December 7, 2006
   - December 14, 2006

2. Report from the Chair

3. Report from the Curriculum Committee

4. Report from the Provost

5. Report from Janice Harring-Hendon

6. New Business

7. Adjournment

Minutes of the Faculty Council on Academic Affairs
January 25, 2007

Present: Vicki Byard, Lidia Filus,Ana Gil-Garcia, Bradley Greenburg, Harry Hild, Effie Kritikos, Emmanuel Nyadroh, Steve Riess, Allen Shub, Brett Stockdill, Joaquin Villegas

Absent: Barbara Bales, Lawrence Berlin

Ex-Officio: Provost Lawrence Frank, Janice Harring-Hendon

Chair Shub called the meeting to order at 1:50 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes

   Greenburg (Villegas 2nd) moved to approve the minutes of December 7, 2006. Motion approved.

   Villegas (Greenburg 2nd) moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2006 with revisions. Motion approved.

2. Report from the Chair

   Hild thanked members of FCAA for attending the meeting with the accreditation team. He noted the meeting went well. Villegas thanked Hild for his contribution to the meeting. In addition, Hild noted that a Task Force for Writing would be established to carry out the monitoring of that plan.

3. Report from the Provost

   The Provost reported that North Central gave NEIU tentative feedback from the visit. NEIU is accredited for 10 years. Positive discussion was connected to the mission, satellite sites, and research communities. He thanked the committee members for participating in a discussion with the accreditation team.

4. Report from the Curriculum Committee

   Greenburg noted that a meeting was held to discuss the challenge to CMT COM 329. Both departments related to the challenge and members of the curriculum committee were present and resolved issues. Greenburg proposed passing CMT COM 329 with some changes. Motion was passed unanimously.

In addition, ZHON will remain. Herring-Hendon added that issues were discussed further, and it was decided that ZHON would remain.

5. New Business

Herring-Hendon distributed information regarding CARS courses with banner course identifier recommendations. She announced that in one year a first test of on-line service will take place. A second test will follow in February. In March we will "go live." At the end of summer session grades will be on-line. A printed schedule of classes will still be available. Nyadroh (Stockdill 2nd) moved to approve building the catalogue for summer. Motion passed unanimously.

Hild noted that he wanted to establish a task force to implement what was passed regarding writing intensive courses. Names for the task force include Audrey Reynolds (professor emerita), Hamid Akbari, Katrina Bell-Jordan, Vicki Byard, Bradley Greenburg, Emmanuel Nyadroh, Steven Reiss and Joaquin Villegas. Ex officio: David Rutschman, Angeles Eames, Kate Hahn, and Chris Larson. A faculty member from the Science Department will be named later.

Greenburg noted that perhaps a representative of FCAA could go to the Dean's Council to discuss writing intensive courses. The Provost added that a chairs meeting was another option. Nyadroh (Villegas 2nd) moved that Hild send a memo to each department chair indicating that FCAA is considering a writing requirement and implementation by the council. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Adjournment

Villegas (Shub 2nd) moved for adjournment at 2:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Effie Kritikos
Secretary

Denise's Notes
FCAA – 1-25-07

Chair called meeting to order at 1:50 PM. The minutes of December 7 were approved; the minutes of December 14th were approved as corrected.

Chair Hild spoke about implementation of the report of the Language Skills Assessment Task Force – Strengthening Student Writing at NEIU: History and A Plan for Action.