

**Academic Assembly
January 25, 2010**

MINUTES

Present: John Strait, Chips Chipalkatti, Karen Feldt, Paul Fontana, Randy Horton, Sonora Jha, Valerie Lesniak, David Neel, Katherine Raichle, Kristen Shuyler, Jen Sorensen, Jean Tang, Nina Valerio, John Weaver, Flora Wilson Bridges, Jason Wirth, Isiaah Crawford, Chuck Lawrence, Jacquelyn Miller.

Guests: David Powers, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Tom Taylor, History Department, College of Arts & Sciences
Marilyn Crone, Interim Associate Provost for Enrollment

Minutes taken by Kristen Heinemeyer

1) Welcome

2) New Program Proposals

- a) Arts & Sciences, Global Awareness Program (GAP) Specialization
 - i) David Powers & Tom Taylor joined Academic Assembly to respond and answer questions regarding the GAP proposal. Discussion was had over the recommendation memo from the Program Review Committee and documents provided to the Assembly prior to this meeting.
 - ii) Topics discussed were: faculty release time, relationship to education abroad, senior synthesis design, and the suggestion for faculty support/advisory body. Would like to see comparisons with other opportunities/programs on campus, demand and interest in the program.

Action Item: Assembly voted to reject this proposal at this time and send back to College of Arts & Sciences with encouragement to resubmit with additional information specifically pertaining to the concerns listed in the Program Review Committee's memo to Academic Assembly. Submit revised by May 1st. Assembly approved with two nay votes.

- b) School of Theology & Ministry, (2) Diaconal Ministry Certificates (Episcopal and United Methodist)
 - i) Mark Markuly and Sharon Callahan, Dean and Associate Dean of School of Theology and Ministry were unable to join the Assembly to discuss the proposals, but with their approval the Assembly held discussion without their presence on the memo from the Program Review regarding these proposals and the documents provided prior to this meeting.

Action Item: Present Assembly members unanimously approved the recommendations of the Program Review Committee to be sent on to the Provost for review.

3) Representation for Faculty Handbook Revision Committee

- a) John Strait asked members to ask their respective schools/colleges for nominations for representatives to serve on the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee. To be voted on at the next meeting.

4) Marilyn Crone, Interim Associate Provost for Enrollment

- a) Introduction by Isiaah Crawford.
- b) Marilyn discussed the plans and goals for SU between now and June 30, particularly looking to guide SU into a good position for where we are right now as well as looking ahead and planning for Fall 2010, 2011, 2012.
- c) Currently working with search consultants to find the individual to fill the position permanently who would start July 1.
- d) Cautiously optimistic that we are on track for the Fall 2010 enrollment.

Next meeting: February 8, 2010 1:30-3:30pm STCN 210