

## COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

200 Bricker Hall

January 21, 2009

3:30 – 5:30 PM

### ATTENDANCE

#### **Faculty:**

- ✓ Dr. Lawrence A. Baum (Political Science)
- ✓ Dr. Neelima M. Bendapudi (Marketing and Logistics)
- Dr. James W. Cogdell (Mathematics)
- ✓ Dr. Kathryn A. Corl, (Germanic Languages and Literatures)
- ✓ Dr. Marcia E. Farr (Teaching and Learning)
- ✓ Dr. Jay S. Hobgood (Geography)
- Dr. Michael Ibba (Microbiology)
- ✓ Dr. Daniel A. Mendelsohn (Mechanical Engineering)
- ✓ Dr. Robert J. Ward (Music)

#### **Students:**

- Mr. Robert D. Calhoun (CGS, History of Art)
- ✓ Mr. Bradley L. Cromes (IPC, Law)
- ✓ Ms. Sarah K. Douglas (CGS, History)
- ✓ Mr. Benjamin T. Reinke (USG, Physcs)

#### **Administrators:**

- ✓ Dr. W. Randy Smith, (Academic Affairs, Geography), Vice Chair

#### **Guests:**

- Dr. Nina A. Berman (Comparative Studies)
- Mr. John E. Dickhaut (Office of the University Registrar)
- Dr. Terry L. Gustafson (Arts and Sciences)
- Dr. Kathleen M. Hallihan (ASC Curriculum and Assessment Office)
- Dr. Anthony Mughan (Director, International Studies)
- Mr. David E. Roy (Director, Enrollment Services)
- Dr. Elliot E. Slotnick (Graduate School)

The council came to order at 3:35 PM.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR—PROFESSOR DANIEL A. MENDELSON**

Mendelsohn mentioned that university-wide guidelines for minors likely will be the topic of the next Council meeting. He directed everyone to the materials that were made available online for the Council's November 5, 2008 meeting.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR — PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH**

Smith welcomed Professor Neeli Bendapudi to the Council. He noted that the Provost has just announced that William Brustein has been hired as the new Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs. Brustein will join the university on July 1. Vice Provost Carole A. Anderson has been named the permanent dean of the College of Dentistry. The Office of Academic Affairs soon will seek a replacement for her Vice Provost position.

Smith reported back to the council that after approving the Public Affairs and East European Languages and Literatures dual degree, the Office of Academic Affairs and the Graduate School noticed that the neither the courses nor the degrees offered by the Glenn School match its current name—Public Affairs. Smith brought this to the attention of the director of the Glenn School who is considering requesting approval to make those changes.

#### **PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE C —PROFESSOR DANIEL A. MENDELSON AND PROFESSOR W. RANDY SMITH**

- **Undergraduate Major in Globalization Studies, Colleges of the Arts and Sciences**

Michael Ibba, Chair, Subcommittee C was not able to attend the meeting, so Mendelsohn and Smith presented the proposal. Professors Anthony Mughan and Nina A. Berman attended the meeting to respond to questions/comments. After providing a brief summary of the proposal and its history, they answered questions. Council members discussed, further, issues that had been raised by Subcommittee C but had that had not been fully answered in the supplement to the proposal. The issues related to: advising, student placement, student assessment plans, instructional staffing, relationship to the current tracks in the International Studies major, and oversight.

It was agreed that Mendelsohn, Ibba, and Smith would meet with Mughan and Berman to revise the supplement to the proposal to more adequately respond to these issues.

The motion was seconded by Ward and approved by voice vote.

#### **PROPOSALS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE D—PROFESSORS DANIEL A. MENDELSON AND W. RANDY SMITH**

- **Soil Science Graduate Program Deactivation, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences**

Mendelsohn presented the proposal to deactivate the graduate program in Soil Science and the concurrent proposal to create a Soil Science specialization in the Environment and Natural Resources program. This action is in direct response to the recent review of doctoral programs by the Graduate School, where issues had been raised about this program. Professor Elliot E. Slotnick, Associate Dean, Graduate School, answered questions raised by the Council.

The motion was seconded by Reinke and approved by voice vote.

- **Revision to the Latino/a Studies Minor, Colleges of the Arts and Sciences**

Mendelsohn presented the proposal to revise the Latino/a Studies interdisciplinary undergraduate minor. There were no major issues/concerns.

The motion was seconded by Hobgood and approved by voice vote.

The agenda items brought by the Office of Academic Affairs were postponed until the next Council meeting due to the late hour.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted

W. Randy Smith  
J. Briggs Cormier