

Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Science III – Room 100

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: E. Adams, J. Deal, C. Dell'Amico, M. Herman, E. Montoya, K. Szick, M. Szolowicz, J. Wang

Absent: H. He, T. Holiwell, R. Korba

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by J. Deal at 10:01 am.
2. Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded, with all in favor.
3. Minutes:
 - a. Approval of minutes from 02/06/25: the motion to approve was seconded, with all in favor.
 - b. Volunteer for minutes for today's meeting: C. Dell'Amico
4. Announcements: None.
5. Resolutions
 - a. Resolution 242510 – Process and Timeline of SOCI Administration:
 - The FAC and AAC were asked to make various further changes to the handbook text, and J. Deal and Z. Zenko went ahead and did that.
 - J. Deal explained the changes, of which we were all in favor, but E. Montoya pointed out that, still, the statement on SOCI being collected in classes of 6 or fewer students needed attention or perhaps clarification: why is the language that SOCI “may be” not collected?
6. Referrals
 - a. Referral 242520 - New Certificate Proposal: Nursing PG- NEC Certification
 - J. Deal reported that it flew through on first reading.
 - b. Referral 242522 - proposal for the elevation of the IS BA with an Ethnic Studies Concentration to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Ethnic Studies.
 - J. Deal reported that it flew through on first reading; however, 1) J. Deal still needs to fix the course numbering before the materials go to the Chancellor's office and 2) the rationale was minorly edited, including with the addition of a sentence about the program's special funding.

7. Other Discussion Items

- a. A representative from Spanish will be invited for a day when we have less on our agenda.
- b. Next meeting's work involves discussing class cancellation policy as well as how the handbook language can provide better guidance on how program moratoriums take place: 1. Everyone should come with their list of things that they believe should be included in a class cancellation policy and 2. Everyone should come with ideas about how the current program moratorium process/policy can be i) streamlined and ii) include the Academic Senate working in conjunction with the UPRC, the latter of which should have greater input in the process, overall.

8. Open Forum:

- E. Adans announced that the GE courses' lists were going out to all colleges – A&H had already received theirs; also, with luck, the forms for proposing new GE courses would be all online by fall.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.

Approved March 6, 2025.