

Academic Assembly
October 19, 2009

MINUTES

Present: Nalini Iyer, John Strait, David Arnesen, Niranjan Chipalkatti, Karen Feldt, Paul Fontana, Mary Graham, Francisco Guerrero, Valerie Lesniak, David Neel, Tracey Pepper, Kristen Shuyler, Jennifer Sorensen, Jean Tang, John Weaver, Flora Wilson Bridges, Jason Wirth, Isiaah Crawford, Charles Lawrence, Jacquelyn Miller, McKenzie Weber

- e) Timeline:
 - i) October 26: One more issue of the print version of B&M will be distributed
 - ii) Late October: announcement of the transition and current beta version in the process.
 - iii) Early November: launch of beta version.
 - iv) Mid-November: official hard launch of the new site.

4) Committee Appointments

- a) Faculty Handbook Revision Committee
 - i) Two positions on the committee need to be elected on my Academic Assembly.

Action Item: Present Assembly members unanimously approved the renewal of Chris Rideout's appointment to this committee. He will serve an additional term.

Action Item: Present Assembly members unanimously approved David Arnesen to serve on this committee for a regular term of three years concluding fall 2012.

- ii) Provost will provide two appointments to this committee.

b) Program Review Committee

- i) In the process of finding a way to adapt to the new seven year cycle of accreditation. This fall, John Strait will present a description of the "Curriculum Committee" creating two subcommittees.
 - (1) New Programs, look at new degrees, not minors or certificates (unless at the Provost's discretion)
 - (2) Existing Program Reviews
- ii) Currently this committee needs three members appointed by Academic Assembly. Nominations to be discussed at the next meeting.

5) German minor, Nalini Iyer

- a) German is resource strapped, concerned about the termination of German minor. A faculty member approached Nalini about bringing this concern to Academic Assembly.
 - i) Is this a Arts & Sciences issue, or Universitywide? Would it be appropriate for German to visit and discuss this concern with the Assembly.
- b) Provost Isiaah Crawford recommendation
 - i) Faculty member to take this concern to the Dean, go through the process within the College of Arts & Sciences.
 - ii) Generally, it is important to look at a department/program and , make sure the quality we offer meets a certain standard.
 - iii) Another thing to look at, where are our resources as the years go by and programs shift and change?

Action Item: Nalini will communicate with faculty member and suggest that the issue of German Minor be resolved within department and college. However,