

Academic Assembly
January 27, 2014
2:05–4:00pm, STCN 130

MINUTES

Present:

David Arnesen, Carol Wolfe Clark, Karen Cowgill, Lynn Deeker, Christian Halliburton, Kristi Lee, Sean McDowell, Patrick Murphy, David Neel, Erik Olsen, Katherine Raichle, Roshanak Roshande, Rob Rutherford, Heath Spencer, John Strait

ex-officio: Brady Carls, Chuck Lawrence, Cobretti Williams

15 voting members

3 nonvoting members

Minutes taken by Patrick Murphy

- I. Review of 1-13-14 Minutes
 - a. Request to include A&S statements from Theresa Earenfight and Arun Iyer on unionization as attachment to minutes
 - b. Motion to pass minutes as modified. Passes unanimously
- II. New Program Proposals
 - A. Business & Legal Studies Program
 - a. Susan Wehrich (Assoc. Dean of Albers), visiting, responding to questions from Erik Olsen: Concern over the term “legal studies” as it does not square with liberal arts tradition of the term. SW: Other schools refer to it as “3rd Program”. EO: What about entitled “Business & Law”. Chris Haliburton & John Strait: Law not spend much time discussing name.
 - i. SW: A lot of Jesuit schools have similar degrees, as they have overlapping skill sets and student interests. It works well in other Jesuit schools, including a year in law school
 - ii. JS: What if students don’t get admitted into law? SW: They can still complete an Albers major
 - iii. Sean McDowell: How many credits in business school classes? SW: 135, including University & Business Core. 30 Law semester credits = 45 quarter credits. Still get to 180.
 - b. JS: Motion to approve program, subject to discussion of name; 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining
 - B. ME Systems Engineering
 - a. Concerns laid out in memo (e.g. support for students, status of the faculty member, launch date), but based on responses. PR: C satisfied
 - b. Mike Quinn (Dean of S&E), Agnieszka Miguel, Edora Rutar Shuman, visiting
 - c. Question from Erik Olsen: Where did projections come from? Dean from Loyola Marymount indicated this is their biggest program and they have 50 students. Seattle is smaller than LA, but the certificate option helps get us towards goal of 50 at 5 years.

