

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES—FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 2017

Members Present: Lisa Maruca, Charles Parrish, Aaron Retish, Ashis Mukhopadhyay, Lisa Ze-Winters, Lara Jones, Avis Vidal, Larry Lombard, Victor Figueroa, Kevin Cotter, Leisa Kauffmann, Michael Belzer, Zachary Brewster, John Santalucia, Bradley Smith, Scott Bowen

Attending: Wayne Raskind, Claudio Verani, Heather Dillaway, Ratna Naik, Robert Aguirre, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, David Merolla, Regina Zibuck, Erin Bachert, Ryan Ferrante, Chris Clark, Solaf Shallal, Royanne Smith

Absent With Notice: Kevin Zhou, Tausha Beardsley

The meeting was called to order at 9:05.

The minutes of the November 09, 2017 meeting were approved.

Regina Zibuck and Erin Bachert spoke of the proposal to reduce the Chemistry minor from 29 credits to 24 credits. The proposal was approved.

David Merolla spoke on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, which had been asked by Faculty Council at the November 9th meeting to submit a proposal for new college group requirements.

The proposal, calling for a minor plus two semesters of a foreign language, was put forward as a motion.

Charles Parrish called for an amendment to that motion, raising the two-course sequence to three.

Lara Jones asked that the college advisors in attendance be allowed to make a presentation. Speaking on their behalf, Ryan Ferrante said that there is general support for the idea of the minor among the advisors, but requested that more time be taken to study the issue. He also asked that the bylaws be amended so that an advisor could serve on the Curriculum Committee.

Parrish's amendment, calling for a third language course, was seconded by Larry Lombard.

Victor Figueroa spoke of the importance of the language requirement and how it aligns with the strategic plan. There then followed a lengthy discussion of the benefits, or not, of various levels of required language instruction; of who does the teaching, currently, of introductory language coursework; of the credit hour implications for students of the

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potential college requirement changes; and of whether requiring a minor expands or limits student choice.

A motion was made and approved for a paper ballot on the amendment to raise the proposal's language requirement from two semesters to three. That amendment failed, 10-5.

No vote was taken on the original proposal. There were questions about whether or not there could be further amendments to it. A special Faculty Council meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 14th.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35.