

**Academic Assembly
April 5, 2010**

MINUTES

Present: John Strait, Jacquelyn Miller, Francisco Guerrero, Frank Shih, John Weaver, Charles Lawrence, Karen Feldt, Valerie Lesniak, David Arnesen, Jean Tang, David Neel, Kristen Shuyler, Chips Chipalkatti, Mary Graham, Tracey Pepper, Randy Horton, Sonora Jha, Clare Monahan, Isiaah Crawford.

Guests: Michael Andrews, Dean, Matteo Ricci College
Jodi Kelly, Associate Dean, Matteo Ricci College
Michael Quinn, Dean, College of Science & Engineering
Richard LeBlanc, Professor & Chair, College of Science and Engineering

Minutes taken by Kristen Heinemeyer.

- Faculty Technology Subcommittee Appointments
- Faculty contracts concerns, Crawford
- Curriculum Change
 - New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Humanities for Leadership Studies
 - New Program Proposal: Master of Science in Computer Science

1) Welcome

2) Review of Minutes

Action Item: Present Assembly members approved to adopt the minutes from March 15th.

3) Faculty Technology Subcommittee Appointments

- a) Nominations: Randy Horton, Marilee Jensen, Antwinett Lee, Sonora Jha, Greg Silverman

Action Item: Present Assembly members approved the above nominations to serve on the Faculty Technology Subcommittee of Academic Assembly. Membership can be expanded if there are other faculty who may serve well on this committee. In that case, names of faculty members would be provided to the Assembly for a vote.

4) Faculty Contracts, Isiaah Crawford

- a) Language in contract under "duties and responsibilities"; concern that there was an extended expectation of availability.
- b) Faculty not expected to be in their office and on campus every day; but available via telephone or e-mail in case of follow-up question or concern. Available to assist in the launch and closing of the academic year.

5) New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Humanities for Leadership Studies

- a) Guests: Dean Michael Andrews & Associate Dean Jodi Kelly
- b) Discussion and questions with the Assembly included: how this relates to the Core, peer advising, existing humanities programs, MRC has met with Albers Dean & A&S Dean and how the specialization relate to the program, if student chooses to change their specialization in their junior/senior year, local and international internship built into program, student funding for international internship costs, new courses and new curriculum, how prepared and what type of position would a student have post-BAHL degree.

6) New Program Proposal: Master of Science in Computer Science

- a) Guests: Dean Mike Quinn and Professor Rich LeBlanc
- b) Discussion and questions with the Assembly included: challenges with joining undergraduate and graduate course work, electives in comparison to other institutions, how will this program look in a different economy, required curriculum, graduate curriculum, thinking behind graduate students taking undergraduate courses, enrollment, admissions for perspective students who may not have a bachelor's degree or experience for this degree, integration with undergraduate coursework and relation to mission.

7) Discussion & Decision on New Program Proposals

- a) Bachelor of Arts in Humanities for Leadership Studies

Action Item: Present Assembly members approved with two oppositions to accept the recommendation from the Program Review Committee and to forward this proposal on to the Provost for review. The Assembly asks that the Provost consider the following two concerns that were brought up in discussion.

- 1.) After graduation with this degree, what kind of job or occupation would the student expect to be hired into?
- 2.) How does this program take non-traditional students into consideration particularly for the international internship? i.e. a single mother who may not be able to leave her child(ren) for extended international travel.

- b) Master of Science in Computer Science

Action Item: Present Assembly members approved with one opposition to accept the recommendation from the Program Review Committee and to forward this onto the Provost for review. In the discussion, the only issue apparent to be of concern to the opposing voter was the substantial number of units of the MSCS program are in undergraduate courses.