

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

MARCH 11, 2011

In attendance: Julia Norrgard, Shawn Sturgeon, Edi Muhaxheri, Eranda Aliu, Mrika Kotorri, Hana Sahatqija, Richard Castleberry, Chris Hall

I. Call to order

JNorrgard welcomed guests. Went over rules.

II. Last Meeting Minutes

Discussion about last meeting's minutes. Motion made by SSturgeon. Seconded by MKotorri.

Motion carried.

III. Comments by President Hall

CHall talked about the visit by the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris* (Sciences-Po) and their Central and South East Europe Program, an undergraduate bachelor's degree. The third year is spent in South-East Europe. Since they do not have a partner in South-East Europe, they want us to be their partner for this part of Europe. They were evaluating us, and they are now evaluating RIT.

CHall also mentioned hopes for starting a masters degree in Media and Communication.

CHall explained that AUK's partnership with Dartmouth University will not interfere with RIT. It will only be another opportunity for curriculum development.

IV. Comments by Academic Director Sturgeon

Charter amendment moved to April 8th agenda.

V. Policies Reviewed

1. **Faculty Portfolio:** section D is out. It will be part of a new policy. Motion to approve by EMuhaxheri. Seconded by SSturgeon.

Motion carried.

2. **Faculty Hiring:** Discussion regarding Paragraph A., that it addresses hiring of only persons with full doctorates. SSturgeon and CHall explain that this refers to NEW faculty and does not affect current faculty. It reflects the goal of increasing the number of doctorates for purposes of future accreditation.

Paragraph C, Transparency – Add to the end of the first line **“at the discretion of the Academic Director.”**

Section II. Hiring Procedures: Paragraph A, insert **“be” after will**, and remove **“no later than 15 April”** from first line.

Paragraph C, Add to the end, **“This is in compliance with the policy on nepotism.”**

Paragraph D, Remove the last line of the second paragraph.

SSturgeon motion to approve. MKotorri seconded.

Motion carried.

3. **Academic program profile:** EMuhaxheri motion to approve. RCastleberry seconded.

Motion carried.

4. **General Education: Education Learning Outcomes:** Discussion regarding the fact that this is really two separate documents. The philosophical statement regarding the purpose and goals, and the Sustainable Assessment Plan. Also that General Education in this case is broader than just the General Education Unit as it includes math and English. JNorrsgard will distribute both the Goals and the Assessment information to the Unit Heads of math and English for further discussion and review. Other Units will address these issues later.

Motion by EAliu to approve the policy of the first two pages, splitting at the end of the second page of text. Seconded by RCastleberry.

Motion carried

5. **Curriculum Development:** EMuhaxheri offers new introduction to Paragraph C. Motion to approve with this change by RCastleberry. Seconded by MKotorri.

Motion carried.

6. **Groups Representing AUK :** The proposed paragraph regarding students and student groups representing themselves as being part of AUK sent for review by Student

Government and their comments to be presented at the next meeting for a vote to approve or not.

VI. Old Business

1. The faculty office is renovated.
2. The Art Auction is going to take place on Thursday at 18:30 in the main auditorium. Money collected will go on the art fund.

Postponed for the next meeting are **University Writing Policy and Writing Across the Curriculum**, Student Government's comments on Groups issue, and the Amendment to the Charter.

Motion by CHall to adjourn. EMuhaxheri seconds.

Motion carried.

Meeting dismissed at 11: 50 a.m.