Academic Senate Meeting

AGENDA

Monday, December 8, 2003
3:15 – 5:00 p.m.
SCOB Room 228

1. Call to Order.

2. Approval of the Previous Minutes (November 24, 2003). The minutes will be posted when available and you will receive an email notice when that happens.

3. Announcements and Communications.
   
3.A Senate President’s Report (Antonio Garcia).
3.B University President’s Report (Michael Crow).
3.D Senate President-Elect’s Report (Barb Kerr).
3.E USG President’s Report (Brandon Goad).
3.F Past Senate President’s Report (George Watson).
3.G ASU West Senate Report (Fran Bernat).
3.H ASU East Senate Report (Ernest Hirata).
3.I Faculty Athletic Representative's Report (Jerry Kingston).

4. Unfinished Business.

4.A Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee (Michael Mayer).


5. New Business (Reports and Motions from Committees).

5.A Executive Committee (Tony Garcia).
5.A.1 Senate Motion #11 Fall Session 2003: At its meeting of December 1, 2003, the Senate Executive Committee approved the concept of a Consent Agenda for the Academic Senate: The Senate agrees to introduce a consent agenda. Consent agenda items will be so noted on the regular Senate agenda. A Senator may remove items from the consent agenda at such time between when the meeting agenda is posted to when the Academic Senate President calls upon the Senate during a Senate meeting to identify any item that must be removed from the consent agenda. Items removed from the consent agenda will become part of the regular Senate agenda.

Rationale: A consent agenda item is not deliberated or discussed on the floor. The consent agenda in its entirety is voted on by the Senate. The purpose of the consent agenda is to streamline Senate meetings with items that likely do not need further debate and discussion on the floor. It is expected that more time would become available for reporting, debating, and legislating during Senate meetings.

5.B Committee on Committees (Ernest Hirata).
   You may still get in your Academic Preference Surveys up until the Winter Break!

5.C Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee (Mike Mayer).

Information Items to the Senate (12/08):

5.C.1 Establishment of a Minor in the College of Education, Division of Curriculum & Instruction - Early Childhood Education.

5.C.2 Establishment of Undergraduate Concentrations in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry - B.S. Chemistry: Environmental Chemistry and B.S. Biochemistry: Medicinal Chemistry.

5.C.3 Establishment of a Minor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry - Biochemistry.

Action items for Senate consideration (12/08) First Readings:

5.C.4 Senate Motion # 8 Fall Session 2003: Changes to a Degree Program, and an Undergraduate Certificate: The Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee recommends Academic Senate approval of a proposal submitted by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences for the name change of a degree program and the name change of an undergraduate certificate from African American Studies to African and African American Studies.

Rationale: Recognizing an age of globalization and the increasing importance of Africa and the Diaspora, the African American Studies program joins a growing number of programs by embracing studies of Africa, Caribbean, Latin America, and a general world vision for understanding national and regional issues affecting Blacks in the African Diaspora. Thus, a new program name reflecting this perspective is needed.

The proposed name facilitates students viewing the study of African Americans within a global rather than a narrow regional context and thereby deepening the students’ awareness of the complexity of African people in the Diaspora.
The names of the program and a corresponding minor will also be changed and do not require Academic Senate approval.


Rationale: With the proliferation of government sponsored percent for art programs across the nation, students are seeking courses and programs that will prepare them for managing public art collections and/or apply as artists for public art commissions. Currently, there is no certificate or degree program within the state of Arizona at either the community college or university level that addresses concerns particular to the field of public art.

5.C.6 Senate Motion #10 Fall Session 2003: Request from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences for the Implementation of a New Degree Program – MAS in GIS. The Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee recommends Academic Senate approval of a proposal submitted by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences for the implementation of a new degree program, MAS (Master’s of Advanced Study) in GIS (Geographic Information Systems).

Rationale: The GIS program is a program for which there is currently a crying need in the state. GIS professionals earn substantial salaries and perform many valuable functions in both private industry and in public service.

Geography has surveyed both its internship sites and a number of business and public sector sites in the area that make use of GIS expertise. It has found an overwhelming demand for many more well-trained professionals in this field of growing importance to the national economy and an avid interest in ASU’s establishing a professional master’s program that would produce well-trained professionals with expertise in GIS.

The proposed degree will meet important educational needs of working professionals and recent graduates seeking to improve their career standing. This compact, one-year, non-thesis degree will foster advanced study in management and the use of technology in public and corporate environments.

5.D Student-Faculty Policy Committee (Craig Allen).

5.E Personnel Committee (Susan Mattson).

5.F University Affairs Committee (George Watson)

6. Adjournment.

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