

Final Minutes  
 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Faculty of the SAS  
 December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
 Voorhees Hall, Room 105-College Avenue Campus

Attendance:

Allamand, Carole	French
Bathory, Dennis	Political Science
Beals, Robert	Deans Office
Bernstein, Alison	History
Boikess, Robert	Chem. & Chem. Bio.
Bojanowska, Edyta	German, Russ. E. Euro. Lang and Lit.
Brzustowicz, Linda	Genetics
Busia, Abena	English/WGS
Chambers, John	History
Chang, Roberto J.	Economics
Chatterjee, Indrani	History
Cornilliat, Francois	French
Cotter, Martha	Chem. & Chem. Bio.
Davis, Robin	Deans Office
Diamond, Elin	English
Falk, Richard	Mathematics
Figueira, Thomas J.	Classics
Gambarota, Paola	Italian
Geselowitz, Michael	IEEE History Center
Gliserman, Martin	English
Goldman, Alvin I.	Philosophy
Guha, Sumit	History
Hamilton, Leonard	Psychology
Haviland, Martha	DLS-Undergrad Instruction
Hawkesworth, Mary	Women's and Gender Studies
Herzog, Gregory F.	Chem. & Chem. Bio.
Hudson, Judith	Psychology
Hughes, David	Anthropology
Jager, Colin	English
Jiang, Tao	Religion
Jussim, Lee	Psychology
Kilianski, Stephen	Psychology
Killingsworth, Mark	Economics
Klein, Peter	Philosophy
Krenos, John R.	Chem. & Chem. Bio.

Kusnecov, Alexander W.	Psychology
Larrier, Renee	French
Lawrence, Susan	Deans Office
Lyons, Richard	Mathematics
Mandelbaum, Jenny	SCI
Marcone, Jorge	Spanish and Portuguese
Markowitz, Norman	History
Martinez San Miguel, Yolanda	Latino and Hispanic Caribbean Studies
Martin-Marquez, Susan	Spanish and Portuguese
Mascia-Lees, Frances E.	Deans Office
Masschaele, James Pl	History
Matsuda, Matt	History
Mazrui, Alamin	AMESALL
Name	Department
Olgivie, Daniel	Psychology
Potenza, Joseph	Chem. & Chem. Bio.
Ramsamy, Edward	Africana Studies
Reed, James	History
Rendsburg, Gary	Jewish Studies
Rennie, Nicholas A.	German, Russ. E. Euro. Lang and Lit.
Rockland, Michael	American Studies
Roos, Patricia A.	Sociology
Safir, Kenneth	Linguistics
Sanchez, Diana T.	Psychology
Scanlon, Lawrence	English
Shapiro, Joel	Physics and Astronomy
Sheflin, Neil	Economics
Sifuentes-Jauregui, Ben	American Studies
Simmons, Richard V.	Asian Lang. and Cultures
Sinkoff, Nancy	Jewish Studies
Smith, David Randall	Sociology
Smith, Holly	Philosophy
Sopher, Barry	Economics
Stevens, Camilla	Spanish and Portuguese
Swenson, James	Deans Office
Trigg, Mary K.	Women's and Gender Studies
Tsurumi, Hiroki	Economics
Uhrich, Kathryn	Deans Office
Van Buskirk, Emily	German, Russ. E. Euro. Lang and Lit.
Vesterman, William R.	English
Vettori, Alessandro	Italian

Voos, Paula	SMLR
Wasserman, Mark	History
White, Eugene Nelson	Economics
Wilder, David Allan	Psychology
Williams, Alan L.	French
Williams, Carolyn	English

1. Executive Vice Dean Robin Davis called the meeting to order at 1:07pm.
2. A moment of silence was observed for deceased colleagues Michael Moffat (Anthropology) and David Langreth (Physics)
3. A motion to accept the agenda passed unanimously.
4. A motion to accept the minutes for the SAS Faculty Meeting of May 3, 2011, passed unanimously.
5. Senate Report: Martha Cotter (Chemistry) called our attention to two action items approved by the Student Affairs Committee. The SAC once again revisited the issue of changing the language of Alma Mater and concluded that “the song is not a statement of morals, ethics or policies. It is not advocating a return to single-gender institutions. It is not pejorative toward lifestyle differences, alternative families or either gender. It is the artistic result of passionate writings of a student for a school that holds a respected place in our history.” Thus, the song should not be rewritten.

The Student Affairs Committee also addressed possible conflicts between the Academic Integrity Policy and the Code of Student Conduct, which is administered by student life deans. A resolution was passed that any changes to the Code of Student Conduct that would have a substantial impact on the implementation of the Academic Integrity Policy required approval by the chief academic officer on each campus.

6. New Brunswick Faculty Council: Joel Shapiro (Physics) reported that the bylaws were amended at the May meeting to allow representation of part-time and annually-appointed faculty by two members. Also, Dan O’Connor (SCILS) was elected Chair for 2012-13.

In October the NBFC discussed strategies for injecting faculty perspectives into the search for a new university president and a request to President McCormick that the faculty representative to the NCAA be vetted by the NBFC.

In December Acting Vice President Richard Edwards reviewed the process of integrating the medical school into the university and plans were developed for bringing medical school faculty into the NBFC.

7. Core Curriculum Requirements: Larry Scanlon (English) reported that the Core Curriculum would be implemented in 2012-13 but noted that two areas, Cognitive Skills and Information Technology & Research, needed further development. The list of new courses recommended by the Core Requirements Committee was reviewed and **the motion to accept the report passed unanimously.**
8. Core Curriculum Implementation: Susan Lawrence, Dean for Educational Initiatives, reported on progress in implementation of the Core Curriculum, which has been effectively publicized and is now operable for frosh and transfers who do not come from New Jersey community colleges. About 20% of SAS courses are now approved to meet core requirements. We need more courses in specific areas and are working with department chairs to raise awareness of the new offerings that would be most helpful.
9. Quorum Call: Before the conclusion of Dean Lawrence's report, she responded to the raised hand of Robert Boikess (Chemistry), who noted the protests at the Board of Governors meeting which was going on at the same time as the SAS faculty meeting, and called for a quorum count. The count revealed that 83 SAS faculty were present, less than the 91 required for a quorum. As a result, Dean Davis adjourned the meeting at 1:50pm.
10. Electronic ballot on Curriculum Committee Report: Because of the unanticipated conclusion of the faculty meeting, the Report of the Curriculum Committee could not be presented. The SAS By-laws allow for electronic votes "whenever such a process is appropriate to the vote being taken." After consultation with the Secretary and the Parliamentarian, Executive Dean Greenberg concluded that an electronic vote was "appropriate" for the Curriculum Committee Report which involved course approvals and changes that were both time-sensitive and non-controversial. Therefore all eligible SAS faculty were asked to vote by electronic ballot on a motion to approve the previously circulated report of the Curriculum Committee. The electronic ballot on the Curriculum Committee report resulted in its approval, with 20% of the faculty voting, and **a large majority favoring approval.**
11. Resolution On Intercollegiate Athletics: Lack of a quorum prevented consideration of the Resolution from the Department of Economics regarding Intercollegiate Athletics. Executive Dean Greenberg thought that this resolution was not appropriate for an electronic vote because it needed full discussion by the faculty and was not routine or time-sensitive.

Respectfully submitted,  
James W. Reed  
Secretary, Faculty of SAS

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