

**EIGHTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE FACULTY OF THE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**December 14, 2015  
Voorhees Hall, Room 105  
College Ave Campus**

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Alexander Floyd, Nikol	WGS
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Ashley, Gail	EPS
Bartynski, Bob	Physics
Bathory, Dennis	Political Science
Beals, R. M.	Mathematics
Bell, Rudolph	History
Bellany, Alastair	History
Blair, Doug	Economics
Boikess, Robert	Chemistry
Bojanowska, Edyta	Russian
Brainard, Amy	OUE
Bratich, Jack	SC&I
Brennan, John	CCB
Brzustowicz, Linda	Genetics
Busia, Abena	WGS
Campbell, Colin	Economics
Chapman, Gretchen	Psychology
Chayko, Mary	SC&I
Clemens, Paul	History
Connolly, Serena	Classics
Cooper, Barbara	History
Cornilliat, Francois	French

Cotter, Martha	Chemistry
Cronk, Lee	Anthropology
Davis, Eric	Political Science
Dayal, Veneeta	Linguistics
Decena, Carlos	LHCS
deJong, Hylke	Anthropology
Dennis, Karen	OUE - Staff
Diamond, Elin	English
Ebright, Richard H.	Chemistry
Eisenzweig, Uri	French
Falk, Richard	Mathematics
Feibel, Craig S.	Anthropology
Figueira, Thomas J.	Classics
Fishbein, Leslie	American Studies
Flitterman-Lewis, Sandy	English
Galili, Ziva	History
Gerson, Judith	Sociology
Gliserman, Martin	English
Goldstone, Andrew	English
Greenberg, Douglas	History
Haugerud, Angelique	Anthropology
Haviland, Martha	DLS
Hawkesworth, Mary	WGS
Herzog, Greg	Chemistry
Hodgson, Dorothy	Anthropology
Hughes, David	Anthropology
Iannini, Chris	English
Israel, Paul	Edison Papers
Jager, Colin	English

Jiang, Tao	Religion
Jones, Jennifer	History
Kalef, Justin	Philosophy
Keeton, Chuck	Physics
Kim, Suzy	Asian Languages & Cultures
Klein, Peter	Philosophy
Kolbaba, Tia	Religion
Kronenberg, Leah	Classics
Larrier, Renee	French
Lau, Richard	Political Science
Lawrence, Susan	OUE
Lears, Jackson	History
Leichenko, Robin	Geography
Levao, Ronald	English
Levine, Michael	German/Slavic
Lopez, Kathy	LHCS
Marcone, Jorge	Comparative Literature
Martinez-San Miguel, Yolanda	LHCS
Martin-Marquez, Susan	Spanish & Portuguese
Masur, Lou	American Studies
Matise, Tara	Genetics
Matsuda, Matt	History
McGlew, James	Classics
McKeon, Michael	English
McClean, Paul	Sociology
Miller, Richard	English
Moehling, Carolyn	Economics
Naus, Joseph	Statistics
Neigeborn, Lenore	OAS

Nerlekar, Anjali	AMESALL
Ocone, Daniel	Mathematics
Palombit, Ryne	Anthropology
Parker, Andrew	French
Piroux, Lorraine	French
Prusa, Thomas	Economics
Puglisi, Catherine	Art History
Qualls, Barry	English
Ransome, Ronald	SAS Deans Office
Rendsburg, Gary	Jewish Studies
Rennie, Nicholas	GREELL
Rigdon, Mary	Cognitive Science
Robolin, Stephanie	English
Romsted, Larry	Chemistry
Safir, Kenneth	Linguistics
Sanchez, Liliana	Spanish & Portuguese
Scanlon, Larry	English
Schalow, Paul	Asian Languages & Cultures
Scott, Kathleen	CBN
Schroeder, Richard	Geography
Shapiro, Joel	Physics
Shaw, Mary	French
Sheflin, Neil	Economics
Shockley, Evie	English
Sidlauskas, Susan	Art History
Siegel, Jonah	English
Song, Weijie	Asian Languages & Cultures
Sopher, Barry	Economics
St. Martin, Kevin	Geography

Stephens, Tom	Spanish & Portuguese
Stoerger, Sharon	SC&I
Swenson, James	SAS Deans Office
Taylor, John	Chemistry
Temkin, Larry	Philosophy
Tesar, Bruce	Linguistics
Thomas, Simon	Mathematics
Thompson, Karen	English
Thuno, Erik	Art History
Van Buskirk, Emily	GRELL
Vershon, Andrew	MBB
Vettori, Alessandro	Italian
Weingart, Michael	Mathematics
Welch, Rhiannon	Italian
Williams, Alan	French
Woodward, Chris	Mathematics
Xing, Jinchuan	Genetics
Yanni, Carla	Art History
Yu, Lei	Genetics
Zervigon, Andres	Art History

### **Draft Minutes**

1. Peter March (Mathematics), Executive Dean of SAS, called the meeting to order at 2 pm. The appointment of Leslie Fishbein as the new parliamentarian of SAS was announced. The appointment of Catherine Puglisi as acting interim secretary of SAS for the December meeting was approved. It was also approved that Ethel Brooks will served as interim secretary until elections for the position are held in spring 2016. The minutes from the May 7, 2015 meeting were approved, and the agenda was approved.

## **2. REPORT FROM THE CORE REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE (CRC)**

Carolyn Moehling, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, summarized the actions of the committee. 40 courses were reviewed for certification in the Core. Among the 25 new approved courses, Moehling singled out among the new courses certified for the Core: 358:205, The Coming Apocalypse in the English department, and 050:210, The American Dream in American Studies. The CRC rejected one course and sent back twelve for further revision; two were withdrawn by the concerned departments. She also summarized the CRC's maintenance review of existing Core courses, specifically those infrequently offered and those in which the grade distribution appears skewed to either extreme of the spectrum and therefore unresponsive to enrollments and target audiences. Some of the courses in question require further review, some have been retained, and thirteen courses have been retired.

Larry Scanlon (English), chair of the CRC, then moved for acceptance of the report, which was approved. For the full CRC report, see <http://sasoue.rutgers.edu/33-policies-resources/faculty-resources/sas-affiliates-faculty-meetings/141-dec-14-2015>

## **3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (CC) REPORT**

Mike Beals, Vice Dean for Undergraduate Education, presented the report, noting that the CC considered more than 100 items. The CC recommended approval of fifty new courses and changes to fifty-five existing courses. The CC further recommended approval of minor changes to three Major and Minors certificates, the creation of a new major in Actuarial Mathematics, and new Minor certificates in Computational Genetics, Drama and Performance Studies (English Literature), and in Academic Spanish.

Questions arose regarding the new course proposed by John Farmer, 556:205 Introduction to Intelligence Studies. To be offered in Fall 2016, the new course relates to the proposed interdisciplinary minor in Intelligence Studies, currently under examination by a program committee appointed by Jim Masschaele, Vice Dean of SAS. The minor would reside in the Rutgers Institute for Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security. The motion from

the floor was passed to table further discussion and a vote on 556:205 until the May 2016 meeting when Farmer can present the course and answer questions from the faculty. Dennis Bathory, Committee Chair, then reported on other new programs and changes, highlighting the addition of an Honors option in Study Abroad programs and the new Exchange between Political Science and Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan. Bathory moved that the full report, minus 556:205, be adopted. The motion passed. For details of the full report, see <http://sasoue.rutgers.edu/33-policies-resources/faculty-resources/sas-affiliates-faculty-meetings/141-dec-14-2015>

#### **4. CORE EVALUATION COMMITTEE (CEC) REPORT**

Barry Sopher, Committee Chair, reported that the recently appointed committee will prepare a full report for the May 2016 meeting. As per the resolution passed at the May 2015 meeting, a committee of eight members, two from each of the four SAS areas, has been elected, comprising: Eric Carlin (Mathematics), Lori Covey (Cell Biology), Katherine Scott (Cell Biology), Torgny Gustaffson (Physics and Astronomy), Paul McLean (Sociology), Mark Wasserman (History), and Carla Yanni (Art History). The CEC will conduct 1) surveys of students, general faculty and faculty teaching in the Core, 2) focus groups with students both in and outside SAS to ascertain how students view the Core and what they recommend. The CEC will also consult with the CRC, and members of the original committee that created the Core. The CEC envisions a dedicated SAS faculty meeting for discussion of its findings to be convened before spring break.

#### **5. FACULTY FORUM RESOLUTION**

Martin Gliserman (English) presented the proposal to create a non-legislative faculty forum, so that faculty might discuss informally and work to address matters of concern, regarding curriculum, advising and assessment. After brief discussion, the resolution was approved. For the full resolution, see <http://sas.rutgers.edu/faculty-a-staff-migrated/1701-faculty-meeting-schedule>

## **6. ACADEMIC ANALYTICS RESOLUTION**

David Hughes (Anthropology) presented a resolution calling for a ban on the use of data collected by Academic Analytics in decisions involving tenure, promotion, and allocation of resources, and obliging the Deans' Office or Central Administration to release personal data collected by Academic Analytics to individual SAS faculty by March 1, 2016. An amendment was proposed and accepted by the faculty to clause 2 of the resolution. The amended wording inserts "in allocating resources among departments and programs" between "Academic Analytics" and "in decisions." Prolonged discussion ensued in which Dean March commented on the benefits of collecting information and encouraged faculty to correct any mistakes in personal data. Faculty nonetheless voiced concerns about the inaccuracy of the data collected by Academic Analytics, its inaccessibility to individuals, and its potential misuse. The resolution passed by a vote of 92/20 with no abstentions. Full the full resolution, see <http://sas.rutgers.edu/faculty-a-staff-migrated/1701-faculty-meeting-schedule>

## **7. Other Business**

One faculty member requested that on contentious or complex issues coming up for a faculty vote, arguments for and against a given position and a fuller background on those issues be provided to the SAS faculty in advance of the meeting by those who have a stake in the vote or are in the possession of the relevant information.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Puglisi (Art History),  
Acting Interim Secretary of SAS