

Final minutes
73rd Meeting of the Faculty of SAS

December 11, 2008
Voorhees Hall Room 105
College Avenue Campus

Present:

Ackroff, John (Psychology)	Grimshaw, Jane (Linguistics)
Alidou, Ousseina (AMESALL)	Hamilton, Len (Psychology)
Allender, Eric (Computer Science)	Haviland Jones, Jeannette (Psychology)
Bathory, Dennis (Political Science)	Haviland, Martha (MBB)
Beals, Michael (Math)	Hawkesworth, Mary (WGS)
Bell, Rudolph (History)	Howard, Allen (History)
Boikess, Bob (Chemistry and Chem. Bio.)	Idler, Ellen (Sociology)
Braga-Pinto, Cesar (Comp. Lit., Span/Port.)	Israel, Paul (Edison Papers)
Brennan, Corey (Classics)	Kaplan, Temma (History)
Brill Kieval, Tamar (OAS)	Kawahara, Shigeto (Linguistics)
Bumby, Richard T. (Math)	Klein, Peter (SAS Deans Office, Philosophy)
Carr, Michael (SAS Deans Office, Earth & Planetary Sciences)	Krenos, John (Chemistry and Chem. Bio.)
Chambers, John (History)	Lauria Santiago, Aldo (Latino & Hispanic Carib. Studies)
Chapman, Gretchen (Psychology)	Leake, Elizabeth (Italian)
Clemens, Paul (History)	Lebsock, Suzanne (History)
Code, Alan (Philosophy)	Levine, Michael (German, Russian & E. Euro. Lang. & Lit.)
Connolly, Serena (Classics)	Loewer, Barry (Philosophy)
Cornilliat, Francois, (French)	Lyons, Richard (Math)
Cotter, Martha (Chemistry)	Mandelbaum, Jenny (SCILS)
Daipha, Phaedra (Sociology)	Martin, Charles (CBN)
Dayal, Veneeta (SAS Deans Office, Linguistics)	Martin- Marquez, Susan (Span./Port.)
Dickson, Linnea (Psychology)	Martinez-San Miguel, Yolanda (Latino Studies & Comp. Lit.)
Dinzey, Zaire (Latino & Hispanic Carib. Studies, Sociology)	Mascia-Lees, Fran (Anthropology)
Elias, Maurice (Psychology)	Masschaele, Jim (History)
Falk, Richard (Math)	Matsuda, Matt (History)
Feigley, Dave (Ex. Science & Sport Studies)	Mazrui, Alamin (AMESALL)
Feldman, Len C. (IAMDN)	McGuire, Terry (Genetics)
Figueora, Thomas (Classics)	Miller, Ken (Earth & Planetary Sciences)
Fishbein, Leslie (American Studies)	Mojaddedi, Jawid (Religion, CMES)
Flores, Tatiana (Art History)	Obayashi, Hiroshi (Religion)
Gambarota, Paola (Italian)	Phillips, Julie (Sociology)
Garfunkel, Eric (Chemistry and Chem. Bio.)	Pirog, Gerald (German, Russian & E. Euro. Lang. & Lit.)
Gillett, Peter R. (RBS)	Rabii, Jamshid (CBN)
Gliserman, Martin (English)	Reed, James (History)
Golden, Peter (CMES)	
Greene, Kathryn (SCILS)	

Rennie, Nicholas (German, Russian & E. Euro. Langs. & Lit.)	Lalics, Sarolta (History)
Robinson, Dave (Geography)	Tschanz, Dietrich (Asian Lang. and Cultures)
Ruben, Brent (Communications)	Vershon, Andrew (MBB)
Rubin, Jeff (Economics)	Voos, Paula (SMLR)
Schwarzchild, Roger (Linguistics)	Wall, Cheryl (English)
Sheehan, Tanya (Art History)	Wasserman, Emma (Religion)
Sheflin, Neil (Economics)	Wasserman, Mark (History)
Simmons, Richard V. (Asian Lang. and Cultures)	Werlen, Guy (CBN)
Sinkoff, Nancy (Jewish Studies, History)	Williams, Carolyn (English)
Smith, D. Randall (Sociology)	
Smith, Holly (Philosophy)	

1. Executive Dean Douglas Greenberg called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm.
2. The Dean's motion to accept the draft minutes from the meetings of April 24, May 6, and May 7, 2008 passed unanimously.
3. The Dean called for a moment of silence in memory of faculty and staff who passed away since our last meeting. *In Memoriam* is available at <http://ruinfo.rutgers.edu/InMemoriam/default.aspx>.
4. The Dean's motion to accept the agenda for the meeting passed unanimously.
5. Jane Grimshaw (Linguistics), Acting Chair of the SAS Core Requirements Committee, described the work underway to make the transition from the Interim Liberal Arts Distribution Requirements to the permanent Core Curriculum approved in the spring. An effort is being made to canvass all persons across SAS involved in undergraduate education for proposals and suggestions regarding the new courses that will satisfy core distribution requirements.

Professor Grimshaw presented five motions intended to clarify language in the SAS Core Curriculum and to facilitate the transition from the interim to the permanent core curriculum.

Motion 1, which specified in greater detail those students who would be exempt from the Minor requirement in the Core Curriculum, **passed unanimously**.

Motion 2, which extended the Minor exemption rule adopted in the new Core Curriculum to the Interim Curriculum, **passed with one negative vote**.

Motion 3, which amended the list of courses satisfying the SAS Interim Liberal Arts Quantitative Reasoning Requirements, **passed unanimously**.

Motion 4, which amended the list of courses satisfying the SAS Interim Liberal Arts Natural Science Requirement, **passed with one negative vote.**

Motion 5, which created a single six credit Diversity and Global Awareness category to replace two separate three credit requirements, **passed unanimously.**

(For the complete language of the five amendments see Motions from the Core Requirements Committee to be put before the SAS faculty and affiliates at the 12-11-08 meeting on the SAS website)

6. Dennis Bathory (Political Science), Chair of the SAS Curriculum Committee, presented a report recommending changes in courses and programs. **The Curriculum Committee's report was approved unanimously**, but Paul Clemens (History) suggested in the future we might proceed differently. The Curriculum Committee's recommendations are circulated previous to our meetings. They are necessarily quite detailed and most of the changes are of interest to relatively few faculty members. Clemens thought it would be better if we only addressed specific questions or challenges to the committee's report that could be raised with the Chair prior to our meeting. He hoped that we would then have time for the Chair to discuss general issues of policy that concerned the committee.
7. Dean Greenberg explained his commitment to a comprehensive program to insure faculty and staff awareness of sexual harassment issues. Every department will have mandatory training in the serious legal and moral issues posed by sexual harassment.
- 8: **Dean's Report:**

Dean Greenberg called attention to an extensive list of cost-cutting measures that had been adopted by U.S. colleges and universities in response to the national economic crisis. The national trend toward the privatization of public services extends to higher education in New Jersey. This year the state continued the trend of reduced funding for the university, and we anticipate further cuts in July. In response we have postponed renovations, restricted spending from research accounts, and reduced department budgets. By acting now to conserve the resources we have, we hope to be able to continue hiring faculty. We are also committed to the goals of our new core curriculum and will find the resources to make it work. Despite the grave fiscal challenges we face, we can take pride in our mission as a public university that provides educational opportunity to every social strata of our population. Dean Greenberg is encouraged by the remarkable loyalty to the university among our best faculty and by the quality and diversity of our students. Those students are hurting, and he asked faculty to follow his example by contributing to the SAS Dean's Emergency Fund.

9. Martha Cotter (Chemistry and Chemical Biology) reported on matters before the University Senate, including the amendment of university regulations to give PTLs a 50% tuition remission, the overhaul of the Senate committee structure, and the revision of guidelines for funding student organizations.
10. Martin Gliserman (English) reported on activities of the New Brunswick Faculty Council which had its annual fall conference on teaching with a featured speaker on assessment of student learning.
11. New Business: In response to a question from the floor, Dean Greenberg affirmed his belief that SAS has strengths that we can build upon despite the fiscal crisis and the trend toward privatization of public services. We can build upon our strong faculty, diverse student body, and the commitment to teaching and advising implied by our new core curriculum. One positive policy change from the state allows us to retain half of the tuition premium paid by out-of-state students.
12. The meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
James W. Reed (History)