

75th Meeting of the Faculty of SAS
December 15, 2009
Scott Hall 123
CAC

Present:

Baldi, Andrea, Italian
Bathory, Dennis, Political Science
Beals, R. M., Mathematics
Bumby, Richard, Mathematics
Clemens, Paul G. E., History
Cornilliat, Francois, French
Cotter, Martha, Chemistry & Chemical Biology
Diamond, Elin, English & Comp. Lit.
Dutta, M., Economics
Fabian, Ann, SAS Deans Office, American Studies
Golden, Peter, Middle Eastern Studies
Greene, Kathy, Communications
Haviland, Martha, Div. of Life Sciences
Hawkesworth, Mary, Women's & Gender Studies
Horwitz, Allan, SAS Deans Office, Sociology
Klein, Peter, Philosophy
Kolassa, John, Statistics
Lawrence, Susan, Political Science
Leath, Paul, Physics and Astronomy
Loewer, Barry, Philosophy
Markowitz, Norman, History
Masschaele, Jim, History
Obayashi, Hiroshi, Religion
Reed, James, History
Rubin, Jeff, Economics
Scanlon, Larry, English
Schalow, Paul, Asian Lang. & Cultures
Schurman, Susan, Labor Studies & Employment Relations
Sheflin, Neil, Economics
Simmons, Richard V., Asian Lang. & Cultures
Smith, D. Randall, Sociology
Van Buskirk, Emily, German, Russian & East. Eur. Lang. & Lit.
Voos, Paula, Labor Studies & Employment Relations
Yanni, Carla, Art History

1. Robin Davis, Executive Vice Dean, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
2. Dean Davis called for a moment of silence in memory of faculty who passed away since our last meeting. In Memoriam is available at <http://ruinfo.rutgers.edu/InMemorium/default.aspx>
3. A motion to accept the agenda for the meeting passed.
4. A motion to approve the minutes from the SAS Faculty Meeting of May 5th, 2009, previously circulated, passed.

5. Professor Larry Scanlon (English), Chair of the Core Requirements Committee, reported on proposed courses that his committee approved to meet the “21st Century Challenges” requirement of the core curriculum. These courses will also be vetted by the Curriculum Committee. After discussion and friendly amendments, Scanlon’s motion to approve the courses passed unanimously.

Scanlon asked the undergraduate directors to continue encouraging faculty who want to develop new general education courses. He hopes we will have a full slate of such offerings by the fall of 2011.

6. Professor Dennis Bathory, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, presented courses approved by his committee since our last meeting (insert url provided by Dean Beals). After discussion and friendly amendments, Bathory’s motion to accept his committee’s report passed unanimously.

7. Dean Davis reported that Executive Dean Greenberg was recovering from knee surgery. She assured us that although he was in some pain Dean Greenberg has lost none of his zest for pursuit of excellence with the faculty.

8. Professor Paul Leath (Physics) reported on matters before the New Brunswick Faculty Council, including a proposal to create a New Brunswick-wide curriculum liaison committee to coordinate offerings by the many NB faculties. The NBFC will be considering how to participate in the Service Men’s Opportunity College, a national program that facilitates the participation of veterans through the kind of services that used to be provided for “non-traditional students” by our University College. Other AAU members have joined the program. The return of a Navy ROTC program is also under discussion.

9. Professor Martha Cotter (Chemistry) reported on matters before the University Senate, including the new Academic Integrity Policy that is nearing completion, and the approval of “hybrid courses” that are taught partially on-line.

10. Hearing no calls for New Business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
James W. Reed (History)
Secretary of SAS