

College of Arts and Sciences
Meeting of Faculty Assembly
SK 102

January 27, 2017

2:00-3:15 PM

ATTENDANCE:

ANTHROPOLOGY: A. Beyin, F. Crespo, J. Haws, S. Parkhurst, J. Peteet, A. Ribeiro, A. Storey, C. Tillquist

BIOLOGY: R. Fell, L. Fuselier

CLASSICAL & MODERN LANG.: K. Almously, R. Buchanan, W. Cunningham, M. Dalle, T. Edison, J. Gabbard, J. Greene, M. Groenewold, G. Hutcheson, A. Leidner, M. Makris, A. Mastri, F. Nuessel, W. Pfeffer, R. Roebuck, C. Sullivan, I. Tower, L. Wagner, M. Wu, W. Yoder

COMMUNICATION: M. Cunningham, L. Della, M. D'Silva, J. Ferré, A. Futrell, J. Hart, D. Seay, K. Walker

COMPARATIVE HUMANITIES: P. Beattie, S. Bertacco, A. Hall, N. Polzer, P. Pranke, K. Swinehart, E. Wise

ENGLISH: D. Anderson, M. Biberman, K. Chandler, A. Clukey, K. Hadley, F. Kelderman, K. Kopelson, D. Lutz, K. Petrosino, G. Ridley, S. Ryan, S. Schneider, S. Smith, I. Stansel, D. Tanner, J. Turner, A. Willey, B. Williams

FINE ARTS: Y. Chan, D. Lai, R. Singel

GEOGRAPHY/GEOSCIENCES: C. Day, A. Gaughan, C. Hanchette, K. Mountain, F. Stevens

HISTORY: B. Beattie, T. K'Meyer, K. Massoth, D. Vivian

MATHEMATICS: C. Biro, G. Gie, R. Gill, A. Hill, C. Hu, A. Kezdy, E. Kubicka, G. Kubicki, L. Larson, B. Li, R. Powers, T. Riedel, S. Seif, D. Smith-Tone, D. Swanson, C. Tone, D. Wildstrom, X. Zhu

PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES: R. Jones, T. Rajack-Talley

PHILOSOPHY: A. Kohlers, D. Owen

PHYSICS: D. Brown

POLITICAL SCIENCE: A. Caldwell, J. Farrier, T. Gray, M. Merry, L. Moyer, R. Payne

PSYCHOLOGY: E. Ross

SOCIOLOGY: J. Busch, D. Roelfs, R. Schroeder

THEATRE ARTS: N. Burton, R. Vandenbroucke

WOMEN'S & GENDER ST: K. Christopher, J. Griffin, D. Heinecken, S. Jarosi, N. Theriot

Dr. Karen Christopher, Chair, called the Faculty Assembly to order at 2:05 PM.

Dr. Christopher made the following announcement:

- The next regular meeting of the Faculty Assembly will be held on February 24, 2017, in SK 102. Proposed items of business for that meeting must be submitted to Dr. Christopher no later than 5 PM on February 17, 2017. Dr. Patty Payette of the Delphi Center is scheduled to present an update on the QEP at the meeting. Faculty are encouraged to read and comment on the QEP prior to this meeting through this link: <http://louisville.edu/oapa/2017-quality-enhancement-plan-1>. Dr. Kopelson noted that this meeting conflicts with the Louisville conference, which will prevent members of the Department of English from attending. Dr. Christopher indicated that she would contact Dr. Payette about the possibility of rescheduling.
- Dr. Susan Jarosi announced that Dr. Joerg Tiede of the AAUP will present “Academic Freedom in the Age of Trump” immediately after the Faculty Assembly adjourns on February 24th. Refreshments will be provided.

Dr. Christopher recognized Dr. Beth Willey to recap changes to the proposed Cardinal Core Program. Dr. Willey pointed out revised language in D1 and D2’s intended learning outcomes and the reinstatement of three required hours in written communication that had previously been removed to allow students to satisfy three general education hours with an elective of their own choosing. After this brief review, Dr. Willey opened the floor for questions.

Among the topics of discussion:

- **USE OF 300-LEVEL COURSES TO SATISFY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:** The Cardinal Core program will allow students to use approved 100-, 200-, or 300-level courses to satisfy general education requirements. No course that has a 100-level prerequisite or an appropriate required math sequence will be approved for general education. Several faculty members voiced concern about the approval of 300-level GE courses “hollowing out” enrollments at the 100- and 200-level. Dr. Willey reminded the faculty that all new general education courses under Cardinal Core will have to be reviewed and approved, so it will be possible to revisit whether too many courses at the 300-level have been offered/approved. Moreover, departments can choose to redesign and renumber existing 300-level courses at the 100- or 200-level.
- **WC COURSES:** The proposal anticipates that students will be required to complete a composition course in ENGL, but that the second three-hour WC course may be taken in another discipline if another discipline’s course is approved for WC credit.
- **DIVERSITY:** The faculty once again turned to discussion of the proposal’s diversity learning outcomes and its descriptive language. After several minutes of discussion, a motion was made and passed from the floor that faculty table further discussion of the diversity language and move to a vote on the proposal.

The faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences voted to approve the Cardinal Core proposal with one recommended editorial proposed by Dr. Jarosi. Under the Arts and Humanities requirement (p. 7), the current language of item #1 reads that students in the arts and humanities will be able to:

1. Critically evaluate and synthesize texts and other forms of expression in the arts and humanities using primary and/or secondary materials.

Dr. Jarosi suggested that the language should instead read:

1. Critically evaluate and synthesize forms of expression in the arts and humanities using primary and/or secondary materials.

The faculty approved this proposed revision unanimously and approved the Cardinal Core proposal as revised with four “No” votes and one abstention.

Dr. Christopher next recognized Dr. David Owen to report on the Faculty Senate’s meetings concerning SACS and current legislative initiatives in Frankfort. The University is lobbying Frankfort for revisions to the proposed SB #107. Copies of the draft version of the legislation as well as revisions thereunto proposed by the Senate and the University will be disseminated to the faculty from Dr. Christopher. After a brief Q&A session, Dr. Christopher agreed to see if Dr. Billingsley can attend a special meeting of the Faculty Assembly to be held on Friday, February 3, 2017, at 2:00 PM in SK 102. That meeting has been tentatively scheduled pending confirmation of the acting provost’s availability.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.