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Minutes
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
March 5, 2009

Present: Kim Bartel, Joe Brooks, Thomas Tenerelli, Tim Englund, Caitlin Baldwin, Sura Rath and Marla Wyatt.

Absent: Krystal Noga

Guest(s):

Meeting was called to order by chair Kim Bartel at 3:35 pm.

Review minutes from February 12 & 26, 2009 – Marla moved to approve the minutes. Minutes approved as presented.

New Business: Report from committee chairs' meeting with FS Executive Committee – Kim met with Executive Committee on Wednesday, along with the chairs of the General Education and Curriculum committees. There have been increasing problems with the 75 BA degree maximum and the 110 BS degree maximum. Programs have been trying to get around these maximums by using general education courses as entrance requirements, hidden pre-requisites. The Executive Committee, with Provost Quirk's agreement, are looking into possible resolutions to the problem.

Unfinished Business

AACo8-09.04 Examining the feasibility for a policy recommendation regarding recommendation #2 from the Grade Inflation report dealing with satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades.

There is a concern about not destroying academic freedom with a policy. It was also suggested that coming up with policy might free faculty up to offer the S/U grade. Policy recommendation would encourage faculty to use it for some courses. Kim will go online to review how other universities handle grading & S/U. The committee is requested to look at how others deal with these issues and will discuss further next week.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Next meeting date March 12, 3:30, Barge 410 (and telecon)