Call to Order

Provost Steve Allred called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM in the North Court Reception Room.

Informational Item

Clarification regarding Integrated Quantitative Science I & II - On March 24, 2009, the new interdisciplinary science course (Integrated Quantitative Science I & II with labs; yearlong course) was approved for field of study credit by the University faculty. Only the first semester should have been approved as satisfying the field of study in natural science (FSNS) requirement. Therefore, the FSNS designation is being removed from the second semester courses (CHEM 191 and PHYS 191). MATH 190 will retain the FSSR designation and BIOL 190 will retain the FSNS designation.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2009 meeting
2. Approval of the minutes of the January 25, 2010 special-called meeting
3. Approval of Proposed New Student Organizations

Geoff Goddu noted that his name was misspelled in the January 25th minutes. With this correction, he moved the Consent Agenda be approved. His motion was seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved.

Reports

1. Provost's Report - Steve Allred

Provost Allred reported the results of both rounds of voting on the proposals from the Ad Hoc Curriculum Task Force’s General Education Subcommittee. In the first round, 75% (246) of eligible faculty participated. Model One received 153 votes (64% of total votes), Model Two received 36 votes (15% of total votes), and Model Three received 51 votes (21% of total votes). According to the agreed procedure, since no proposal received two-thirds of all votes, there was a runoff of the two models receiving the most support. In the subsequent runoff, 261 or 79% of eligible faculty participated. Model One received 191 votes, or 75% of the total. Model Three received 65 votes, or 25% of the total.

Provost Allred suggested that the rest of the reports be moved to the end of the meeting following Old and New Business. The membership agreed.

Old Business

1. Motions on Fields of Study from the ad hoc Curriculum Task Force - Gene Anderson
   a. Motion #1:
The undergraduate faculties (A&S, Business, Leadership Studies) will undertake a comprehensive review of the current fields of study (FOS) with the goal of broadening and clarifying the fields in order to facilitate the inclusion of courses from the widest possible range of departments and programs. Each of the six fields of study will be reviewed by a separate committee, whose recommendations will be brought to the University faculty for approval. Each committee will be comprised of five faculty, including three representatives from the School of Arts and Sciences, and one representative each from the schools of Business and Leadership Studies, unless the faculty of a particular school declines representation on a particular committee. Each school will develop its own process for selecting faculty to serve on the review committees. The current FOS criteria and the current procedure for determining FOS fulfillment by the General Education Committee will remain in effect until the review is completed.

b. Motion #2
Upon completion of the fields of study (FOS) review, the Committee on Committees will review the charge and composition of the University General Education Committee to ensure that both are in keeping with the structure and spirit of the University's recently adopted general education curriculum, as well as the Richmond Promise, taking into consideration any changes the faculty approves with respect to the fields of study.

Provost Allred suggested that it would be appropriate first to address a substitute motion for Motion #1 from the floor.

Nancy Schauber moved that a single ad hoc faculty committee, the Fields of Study Committee, be formed and charged with the following: (a) to solicit from each school, department and program a list of courses that the school, department or program deems, using current FOS as rough and revisable guidelines, would serve the general education of our students; (b) to rewrite the current FOS descriptions so as to contain all submitted courses; and (c) to submit the result of these revisions for faculty approval.
Goddu seconded the motion. A discussion followed.

Scott Davis moved to amend the Dr. Schauber’s motion: The current General Education Committee, including those members from all schools of the University, shall receive the charge to gather courses from the departments which the departments believe should be incorporated into the current field of study curriculum with an eye not to approve or reject but with an eye to discover patterns.
The amendment offered by Dr. Davis was seconded, but when it was pointed out that it was actually a substitute motion in place of Dr. Schauber’s motion, rather than an amendment to Dr. Schauber’s motion, Dr. Davis withdrew the motion.

Geoff Goddu moved to amend the Schauber motion by removing “all” and replacing it with “as many as practically possible of the” in her original substitute motion.
The amendment was seconded.
The amendment failed.
Then the Schauber substitute motion was voted on and failed.

Scott Davis then reintroduced his original motion: The current General Education Committee, including those members from all schools of the University, shall receive the charge to gather courses from the departments which the departments believe should be incorporated into the current field of study curriculum with an eye not to approve or reject but with an eye to discover patterns.

The motion was seconded.

Discussion followed.

Scott David accepted as a friendly amendment to his motion to begin with “The undergraduate faculties (A&S, Business, Leadership Studies) will undertake a comprehensive review of the current fields of study (FOS) with the goal of broadening and clarifying the fields in order to facilitate the inclusion of courses from the widest possible range of departments and programs.” and end with “The current FOS criteria and the current procedure for determining FOS fulfillment by the General Education Committee will remain in effect until the review is complete.”

The amendment passed, although it was a friendly amendment, so it did not require a vote.

Con Beausang proposed amending the motion by adding that that the General Education Committee report would be due to the faculty by December 2010. The amendment was seconded and passed.

David Leary moved to amend the motion by removing “broadening and” and adding after clarifying “and perhaps broadening”
The amendment was seconded and passed.

David Leary proposed a further amendment to remove the words “The undergraduate faculties (A&S, Business, Leadership Studies)” and replace with “The General Education Committee.”
The amendment was seconded and passed.

A member of the faculty called the question. The motion to call the question was seconded and passed.
The faculty passed the following motion:

The General Education Committee will undertake a comprehensive review of the current fields of study (FOS) with the goal of clarifying and perhaps broadening the fields in order to facilitate the inclusion of courses from the widest possible range of departments and programs. The current General Education Committee, including those members from all schools of the University, shall receive the charge to gather courses from the departments which the departments believe should be incorporated into the current field of study curriculum with an eye not to approve or reject but with an eye to discover patterns. The current FOS criteria and the current procedure for determining FOS fulfillment by the General Education Committee will
remain in effect until the review is complete. The General Education Committee will report to the Faculty by December 2010.

The faculty passed Motion Two, as printed on the agenda.

**New Business**
1. **Recommendation from the Committee on Faculty Status to grant faculty status to the Director of the Faculty Development Center** - Jim Gibson
   The faculty passed the recommendation.

2. **Endorsement of amendments to the Early Retirement Plan for Tenured Faculty** - Doug Hicks
   After Hicks’ explanation, the faculty passed the motion.

**Reports (continued)**
2. **University Faculty Council Report** - Doug Hicks
   Hicks reported the result of his communications with the Rector of the Board of Trustees on the subject of future presidential searches. He asked that the letter from George W. Wellde, Jr. be entered into the minutes.

3. **Report from the Upper-Division Curricular Opportunities Sub Group of the ad hoc Curriculum Task Force** - Del McWhorter
   Given the time, the above report was not presented. Next steps were briefly discussed. Provost Allred noted that another meeting would be planned as a continuation of this meeting in order to receive and discuss the Upper-Division Curricular Opportunities report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25PM.

The resumption of the March 3 University Faculty Meeting was called to order by Provost Allred at 3:35 PM on March 23, 2010 in the North Court Reception Room.

Provost Allred introduced Del McWhorter, chair of the Upper-Division Curricular Opportunities Subcommittee of the ad hoc Curriculum Task Force. Professor McWhorter introduced the subcommittee members, outlined the subcommittee’s work, and offered the rationale for its Motions # 1 and # 2.

**Motion #1:**

The subcommittee moves that a University Committee for Cross-School Curricular Oversight be created with responsibilities and membership as specified below.

Charge: The University Committee for Cross-School Curricular Oversight is responsible for facilitating and advancing existing cross-school programs and any new cross-school initiatives approved by the University Faculty. To that end, it is responsible for:
1. Making sure each cross-school program has a duly selected coordinator and advisory board and has the necessary resources to manage and store data required for accreditation review.
2. Making recommendations concerning program staffing needs to meet demand for courses and supplemental programming.
3. Facilitating curricular development to help programs maintain high quality.
4. Developing and implementing procedures, subject to the approval of the University Faculty, for reviewing new program proposals and for dismantling programs the University Faculty deems redundant or unsustainable.
5. Facilitating partnerships among the various constituencies responsible for appointing appropriately balanced search and tenure and promotion committees in the case of joint appointments between cross-school programs and departments or schools.

Membership: The University Committee for Cross-School Curricular Oversight will be composed of the associate provost, the deans of the five schools or their designees, and eight faculty members elected as follows: one from each of the five schools elected by the faculty of their respective schools and three at-large members elected by majority vote of the entire university faculty. Elected members will serve staggered three-year terms. Each August, the Committee will elect its own chair and secretary, positions which must be filled by faculty rather than administrators.

Motion #2:

The subcommittee moves that a half-unit course, to be designated UNIV 401 and to be called “University Seminar,” be established. Each section of UNIV 401 will be team-taught by faculty from two (or more) schools.

Provost Allred proposed discussing these motions, entertaining alternative motions, and ultimately authorizing an electronic vote. He further suggested beginning with Motion # 2, since there was a known substitute motion for Motion # 1.

Faculty and student government representatives briefly discussed Motion # 2.

Professor Scott Davis then moved to substitute his own motion for Motion # 1:

Substitute Motion: We propose the creation of a Cross-School Curriculum Committee, which will be responsible for facilitating curricular collaboration between and among the University’s five schools, including collaborations on existing or future courses, concentrations, minors, and/or majors.

The substitute motion was seconded.

Discussion followed. The faculty voted not to support the substitute motion.

Friendly amendments were offered to and accepted by the subcommittee for Motion # 1:
Part 5 of the charge of Motion # 1 was divided into two parts so that the list now reads:

5. Facilitating partnerships among the various constituencies responsible for appointing appropriately balanced search committees in the case of joint appointments between cross-school programs and departments or schools.

6. Ensuring that each school has a policy for appointing initial level tenure and promotion review committees involving joint appointments between cross-school programs and departments or schools.

In Part 2, after “Making recommendations” the phrase “consistent with the annual budgeting process” was added.

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The faculty agreed to an electronic vote on Motions # 1 and # 2.
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik D. Craft, University Secretary