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Minutes
College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Meeting
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Dean Steve White called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Prof. Anne Phillips moved approval of the Thurs., Feb. 13 minutes; Prof. Sue Zschoche seconded. Approval was unanimous.

The three members completing terms on the College Course and Curriculum Committee, Professors Betsy Cauble, Mike Kanost, and Sally Bailey, were thanked by Dean White.

Prof. Cauble presented Course and Curriculum changes from pages 1-8. Prof. Jim Hamilton moved approval; Prof. Tom Barstow seconded. Discussion ensued. Prof. Marion Noble voiced opposition to the proposal from the Division of Biology change Principles of Biology (198) from a 4-hour to a 5-hour course. He expressed the opinion that this change would present additional material that was not needed by all students who currently take 198, and raised the concern that community colleges courses that are who four-hour biology introductory classes will no longer be equivalent for transfer. Professor David Rintoul noted that the content would be the same, not an increase; instead, the change will systematize the pedagogy that the faculty have determined to be most beneficial in presenting the same material. Professor Larry Williams noted that community college vary in their course structures; some already offer five-hour courses, some four, but that the Biology faculty have no intention to ask the University to change pre-established agreements concerning transfer of credits from various community colleges. Dean Gerry Reeck asked for clarification on this point, and Prof. Williams reaffirmed that this change would not affect pre-established course transfer agreements. Prof. Noble noted that this might increase the number of students who would opt to fulfill their Biology requirement with a community college course. The motion carried: 17 in support and 1 opposed.

Prof. Cauble presented the course and curriculum changes listed pages 9-12. Prof. Jim Hamilton noted a typographical error in the proposal: Arts and Sciences is a College, not a Department. Prof. Barstow moved approval; Professor Beth Montelone seconded. Following no discussion, approval was unanimous.

Prof. Cauble presented the recommendations for General Education on page 13. Prof. Barstow moved approval; Prof. Anne Phillips seconded. Following no discussion, approval was unanimous.

Election for the Arts and Sciences Course and Curriculum Committee proceeded. Dean Reeck thanked the Department Heads for their nominations of candidates. The following were elected: Lisa Harrington, Amit Chakrabarti, and Don Hedrick.

Dean White announced the triumphs of the College in the annual round of teaching awards. Kevin Blake, Geography, and Larry Weaver, Physics, are recipients of Presidential Teaching Awards. Ryan Rehmeier, Biology, is the GTA recipient of the Presidential Teaching Award. The Outstanding Department Head of the College is Peter Sherwood, Chemistry. Keith Chapes, Biology, is the winner of the Commerce Bank Teaching Award. Michele Hunt, Art, is the winner of the Stamey Award in Advising. Other Stamey Teaching Award Winners in the College are: Sally Bailey, SCTD; Louise Breen, History; Michele Janette, English; Yasmin Patell, Chemistry; Chuck Sanders, History; Alan Bearman (GTA), History; Applause was unanimous.

Prof. Hamilton moved adjournment; many others seconded. The meeting concluded at 4:30.