CVPA Faculty Council Minutes
December 7th, 2011

Attendance – Seder Burns, Secretary. Officers and Board Members present included Chair Ray Marchionni, Vice Chair Lee Heritage, and Ed Lingan. Holly Monsos Associate Dean also attended.

Meeting was called to order.

Minutes were not approved at the time of the beginning of the meeting as we elected to wait until all Council members were present for a quorum to be achieved.

1) Chris Burnett, Chair of the Art Department, in attendance for part of the meeting in order to discuss curricular matters as they pertain to the proposed degree in New Media Design Practices. He also provided Council members a printed copy of three proposed courses, and noted that courses still cannot be submitted online. Currently, all information may be placed in the online system, then saved as a PDF. The information can also be saved as a JPEG; a PDF allows for limited changes.

b) Chris Burnett was given the floor and presented three curricular proposals.

ART 3400 Concepts of Studio Art and Theory. It is essentially a course number change (ART 2400 previously) with nothing new in the syllabus. After discussion generally involving procedures in proposing core courses, ART 3400 was approved unanimously.

ART 1110 Art Journey. Similarly, most discussion involved procedures in proposing core courses. ART 1110 was approved unanimously.

ART 1120 Visual Arts Investigation

Chris Habrecht had voiced some concerns about the projected enrollment in the course. It was explained that the course is not a full blown studio course and will have less hands-on work as it is a non major course. It is a blended course with some work completed online. Ray suggested that the course activity-type be designated as Primary Studio. ART 1120 passed unanimously.

Most of the discussions regarding the three courses centered on the procedures of proposing core courses rather than course content. Currently, technical complications exist since existing proposal forms are outdated and proposal forms in the new format are not yet available. Course approvals were contingent on whatever changes that Chris has to make to the course proposal forms.

LLSS has already defined their Fine Arts requirements. ART 1110.

b) The Issue of the New Media Design Practices BA was raised. According to Chris, from the very beginning it was designed to be a BA but without a foreign language requirement, as with the BM degree (music). The Council stated that it wished to remain friendly with LLSS and does not want a floor fight w/re to the language requirement. While the degree exists as a BA, an argument was made that LLSS should not dictate the art curriculum. The degree was approved by A&S Council, and approved by NASAD. It was noted that when it was approved by A&S in 2010, however, it included the foreign language requirement. Chris noted that to radically change the nature of the program in terms of NASAD would upset the apple cart, especially w/re to keeping the total credits down. Similar discussion continued. It was agreed that an option for study abroad students be provided. One Council member took issue that the degree is not a true liberal arts degree and that it is all tightly knit with art topics. Chris recognized that it is a unique program and that 50 credits lie within the art department with another 12
within CMP courses.

A motion to approve the BA as new media design practices to align with the BFA and studio art as to college distributive requirements received two votes for and one against; the Council chair by virtue of the CVPA Constitution, does not vote.

2) For Spring 2012, council will regularly meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 12:30-1:45. The next several meeting dates for next semester are: January 17th, February 14th, February 28th, March 13, March 27th April 10, and April 24

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 17 (12:30 – 1:45)

Due to the amount of time taken by the discussion of the art course proposals and the NMDP degree, the minutes of November 30 will be approved at the January 17, 2011 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Seder Burns