CoCA Council Minutes of 9-26-13


Approval of Minutes of September 26

1. CoCA standing committee memberships

Council is awaiting the standing committee representatives from the art department and the CCAP representative from Communication.

2. Dual degree requirements

Council unanimously adopted the resolution recently passed by LLSS: *The additional 20-hour requirement should be eliminated for CoCA students seeking to complete dual degrees in fields in CoCA and fields outside the college.*

3. Constitutional Revisions

Various aspects of the constitution were discussed but not voted upon. One motion which was made, seconded, and unanimously approved was to change the name of the Faculty Council to “College” Council throughout the document.

Following were more substantive topics of discussion:

a. Is it necessary to have a departmental representative on each of the college’s standing committees (i.e. the diversity committee)?

b. Article III: Define the procedures in naming the College should the need ever arise again?

c. College Council chair to serve a 2-year term? Rationale: Creates better continuity of faculty representation on the University Council.

d. Article V, J, when referring to populating the standing committees (excluding representatives to the Council) to read: “Each department will be responsible for sending one representative to each of the college’s standing committees: Academic Affairs, Diversity, and Instructional Equipment and Technology Oversight. The departmental representative for the College Committee on Academic Personnel shall be elected by the Tenured/Tenure Track faculty of the department.” (The specifics of each standing committee need to be reviewed.)

Following were editorial suggestions:

a. Article III. 3, to read: “….51% majority of the “college’s” Tenured/Tenure Track…..” “….The abolition of a department……..shall be voted on by the “college” faculty of the affected units…..”
b. Article V, to read: “The College of Communication and the Arts Faculty “College” Council (hereafter referred to as the College Council) represents……..

c. Article V, E, to read: “…shall be by voice vote, standing vote, “electronic vote”, or by secret ballot.” “ ……Council members present demonstrates by “vote”……

d. Article V, 1: “The Chair of the……., “or designate” shall serve on the University Council…..”

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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