Council Minutes of 9-12-13

1) Review and approval of 8-29-13 minutes
2) Ray noted that COCA needs to have another member on Faculty Senate (replacing the departed Jim Hill. Holly suggested it not be someone from the Dept. of Theatre and Film, the home department of two of the College’s currently serving senators. Paul Fritz nominated Sumitra. She accepted the nomination and was unanimously approved by the group.
3) Holly presented CCAP election results – 3 of 4 positions determined. Communication needs a run-off election due to a tie. Holly said she will administer this next week.
4) Ray addressed issues surrounding various COCA committees (Diversity, Technology, and Academic Affairs). It was confirmed that a representative from each department is needed on all three.
5) Discussion of dates for future meetings this semester: 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/21, and 12/5.
6) General discussion regarding a larger discussion within the administration regarding reinstalling Associate Degrees.
7) Discussion of curricular issues:
   A) suggestion that foreign language requirement be modified so that upper level language classes can be replaced by cultural studies courses. Holly suggested approaching the Foreign Language Department about co-creating such courses. It was decided to table further discussion until the Communication Department had its next meeting, wherein they plan to discuss their own foreign language requirements.
   B) Holly noted that there is a need to propose a new Orientation course. There was also discussion about creating new college-wide required courses. Deb suggested Intro to Digital.
   C) It was reported by Holly that the “All That Jazz” curriculum was no longer being considered, due to paucity of students.
8) Constitutional revisions, per Holly:
   A) College name updated
   B) Discussion of mission statement
   C) Discussion about the need to revise the language used re: the appointment of Chairs. Deb brought up question of resolving “Interim Chair” title in Faculty Senate. It was agreed that Lee, Paul, and Thor would revise the language in the constitution and present it to the group at a later meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Yockey