

Faculty Council Minutes
March 5, 2008

Present: Brown, Carusi, Danford (recorder-in-turn), Miller (chair), Scott, Sibicky, Sullivan

1. Minutes approved from meeting of 2/27/08.
2. Miller reported that he had discussed with L. Vickers the possibility of moving Fall Rush to later in semester. Vickers concurred with wisdom of such a change but also predicted push-back from national offices of fraternities and sororities. First Year Task Force and Student Life/Athletics Committee will also examine this issue.
3. Agenda set for Faculty Meeting of March 17, 2008:
 - a) first round of elections for Faculty Council for AY 08-09. (Miller will consult with MacHaffie and Thayer regarding preparation of list of eligible individuals.)
 - b) President's report
 - c) Provost's report
 - d) Curriculum Committee to present proposed changes to FYSE
4. Council discussed a suggestion that there be a prerequisite for ESL 201 and ESL 202 such that students coming into those courses from ESL 102 would be required to pass ESL 102 with a grade of C- or higher. It was recommended that Modern Languages (Rees-Miller) prepare such a proposal to go to Curriculum Committee for its consideration and that ML also seek input for this proposal from Faculty Council, Graduate Council, First Year Task Force, English, and Communication. Danford agreed to share this recommendation with Rees-Miller.*
5. Council discussed the future of the Pedagogy Committee, which is currently a Provost's committee but might be considered for status as a standing faculty committee. Discussion included where decision making for certain faculty awards should reside, as well as allocation of certain funds and responsibility for campus workshops, etc. Miller will ask Pedagogy Committee (Hillwig) to summarize its current tasks, responsibilities, purpose, etc. Miller will also request that chairs of all standing committees review the Faculty Handbook blue pages relevant to committees to report on any recommended re-designation of specific tasks to their own or other committees.
6. Meeting adjourned.

*Danford discussed these issues with Rees-Miller and was informed that her understanding of the matter was a desire to have a pre-requisite for COMM 101 and WRIT 101, rather than a prerequisite for ESL 201 and ESL 202. Danford agreed to take this matter up with S. Walker, M. O'Donnell and Hogue.