

Social Science Division  
College of Letters and Science  
Minutes of Meeting on April 3rd, 2008  
N/E 107 at 1:30

TO: Kazimierz Zaniewski, Geography  
Kimberly Rivers, History  
Kenneth Grieb, International Studies  
Darrel Tackett, Military Science  
James Simmons, Political Science  
James Koch, Psychology  
Susan Reed, Public Affairs  
Pete Brown, Religious Studies/Anthropology  
Donna Altepeter, Social Justice  
Quintin Sullivan, Social Work  
Gerard Grzyb, Sociology  
Liz Cannon, Women's Studies

Present: Franca Barricelli, James Koch, Gerard Grzyb, Kimberly Rivers, Quintin Sullivan, Kazimierz Zaniewski, Darrel Tackett, Dave Siemers (Political Science), Stephanie Spehar (Anthropology)

1. Meeting called to order at 1:32 PM.

2. Approval of Franca Barricelli's summary of Social Science Division meeting number 6 (13 March 2008) (Motion – Sullivan: Second – Rivers: approved unanimously). Said meeting was a special session to prioritize permanent property requests and was only attended by those departments directly involved.

3. Approval of new course in Anthropology: Anthropology 370: Primate Behavior Ecology (Motion - Rivers: Second – Koch: approved unanimously). The agenda item was presented by Stephanie Spehar (Anthropology). Discussion determined that the course might receive additional scrutiny as it proceeds through the approval process because it is a 300 level course without any listed pre-requisites and such course additions have been disapproved or returned for action previously this academic year. Recommendations included changing the course number or maintaining the request as listed and being prepared to discuss the reasoning for having no pre-requisites at the COLS Committee meeting if necessary. To expedite the action, Suzanne Spehar agreed to keep the request as stated and that an Anthropology representative would be prepared to discuss the course number/pre-requisite issue at the COLS meeting if required.

4. Approval to bundle Agenda items 3 and 4 which both involved Anthropology 390 (Field Experience) (Motion - Sullivan: Second – Rivers: approved unanimously). The agenda items (consideration/approval of new course in Anthropology: Anthropology 390: Field Experience in Anthropology and consideration/approval of change in Anthropology program: require Anthropology 390 (Field Experience) to fulfill the methods requirement for the Anthropology major) were presented by Stephanie Spehar (Anthropology). Justification included adding variety for instructors and students with the addition of a third methods requirement course in Anthropology. No concerns noted from the group (Motion – Sullivan: Second – Rivers: approved unanimously).

5. Approval to agenda item 5 (consideration/approval of change in the Geography program: consider/approve Geography 342 Meteorology as a Natural Science course for the General Education requirement) (Motion – Sullivan: Second – Grzyb: approved unanimously). Initial discussion of this item included a question as to why it was on the agenda within Social Sciences. Franca Barricelli informed the group that she was instructed to include it on the agenda. No further issues from the group.

6. Announcements from the chairs. Gerard Grzyb announced the Sociology Department's interest in scheduling a guest speaker, a nun who has been a social justice champion during her lifetime of service. He offered up the event to other departments as well. Additionally, there was mention of multiple departments pooling funds to sponsor the guest speaker. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

7. Assistant Dean Barricelli:

a. Discussed interest of other department chairs in funding the ICPSR (a massive data base that crosses multiple disciplines) which was funded and used by Political Science last year but was unfunded this year through the permanent property process, partly due to budget constraints and its focus on research rather than teaching, as well as the fact that the request is not, strictly speaking, a piece of permanent property. Her discussion included a desire to rally support for funding of the database for System-wide use. She pointed out that other Wisconsin universities were already utilizing this tool and that it would seemingly be advantageous to many departments in Social Science and campus wide and that some consideration should be given by departments to share the cost of funding of the data base. David Siemers (Political Science) agreed to identify a detailed description of the database and provide it to the department chairs for consideration. All agreed that the item should be discussed further at the next division meeting.

8. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Recorder: Darrel Tackett