

**Faculty Council College of Arts and Sciences  
December 2, 2021 3:30 – 5:30 pm  
Minutes**

**1. Approval of November Minutes**

**3:30**

Minutes at:

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**2. Dean Donna LaVoie, Remarks**

**3:40**



Dean's Remarks



- College reorganization:
  - Alternative proposals have been received; Provost considering them
  - Decision to be announced 12/17
  - Reminder: What does this mean for faculty council?
    - ***CAS will be a new college by July 1***
      - Need to create a new faculty governance model
- College Workload Policy
  - Approved, goes into effect January 1



**3. FC President's Remarks**

**3:55**

**4. GAAC Report**

Discussion of online course pedagogy.

## 5. Committee Reports

4:05

- a. Academic Affairs Committee – no report. Reminder to CAS Department Chairs to respond to recent survey.
- b. Academic Honesty Committee – no case hearings. All cases resolved at departmental level.
- c. Board of Graduate Education report and motion:

### Background files at

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### Board of Graduate Education Committee Motions for the Faculty Council Meeting of November 23, 2021.

I carry from the Board of Graduate Education to the Faculty Council the seconded motion to approve the following course title and number changes and new courses.

#### From the Department of Political Science

##### Course Addition

POLS 5131: Race, Class, and Punishment

#### From the Department of Communication

##### Course Title and Description Change

CMM 5340 from “Language and Culture Diversity” to “Language, Equity, and Inclusion”

#### From the Department of Psychology

##### Course Inactivation

PSY 5130: Neuroscience

##### Program Modification

Delete a course requirement and decrease total credit hours for the Ph.D.

#### Motion Approved Unanimously

- d. Core Curriculum Committee No report
- e. Curriculum Committee (Undergraduate) – report and motion:

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## **Curriculum Committee Motion for December.**

On behalf of the committee, I move that the council approve the following additions, deletions, and changes that were approved at the November meeting of the undergraduate curriculum committee.

### **From the Department of English**

#### **Course Deletions**

The English department is cleaning up their offerings by deleting courses that are no longer taught:

- ENGL 3040: Writing Literacy Narratives
- ENGL 3580: Literature of the Natural World
- ENGL 4210: Beowulf
- ENGL 4220: Intro to Old Norse
- ENGL 4230: Literature of the Vikings

### **From the Department of Mathematics and Statistics**

#### **New Course**

##### MATH 1270: Math Media: Reading news with mathematical eyes

To educate students with basic knowledge in science in general, and in math in particular, makes them less vulnerable to manipulation, more critical and, thus, freer to make educated decisions. Math Media is designed for students who do not need to pursue further technical math courses, that is, for students who are not majoring in science or business, and who are often afraid or reluctant to take another math course.

### **From the Department of Philosophy**

#### **Course Change Request - title change**

##### PHIL 4150: Philosophy of Science (from Philosophy of Science Survey)

Title change: From "Philosophy of Science Survey" to "Philosophy of Science". This will align the title of this course more closely with other "Philosophy of X" courses in the catalog, such as "Philosophy of Feminism," "Philosophy of Mind," "Philosophy of Religion," and "Philosophy of Law."

#### **Course Change Request - description change**

##### PHIL 2050: Ethics

This is a course change request to change the catalogue description in light of changes made to the course in order to qualify it for the DEJS Attribute in New Core. (It has already been approved for that)

### **From the Department of Chemistry**

#### **Program changes - Chemical Biology & Pharmacology**

Change required "PPY-2540 Human Physiology (4)" to "PPY-2540 Human Physiology (4) or HSCI 3300 Anatomy & Physiology I (3) plus HSCI 3310 Anatomy & Physiology I Lab (1)"

### **From the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures**

#### **Course deletions in Italian Studies:**

The Italian Studies program is cleaning up the catalog to remove courses that will not be taught anymore (or never have been taught). Therefore, they would like to delete the following courses:

- ITAL 4250: Middle Ages to Renaissance

- ITAL 4400: History of Italian Literature from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance
- ITAL 3250: Love, Sex and Tragedy in the Middle Ages
- ITAL 4300: An Assembly Manual for the Perfect Prince

**New course in LLC:**

LLC 1255: Modern Languages and Intercultural Competence

This new course was inspired by the new core, and has been designed to address the Eloquentia Perfecta Oral and Visual Communication requirement, which corresponds to the reality of language learning.

**From the Department of History**

**New Course**

HIST 1200: Communicating about History

This new course is intended to provide an option for the Oral and Visual Communication in the new core.

**Motion Approved Unanimously**

f. Nominations Committee – no report

g. Rank and Tenure Committee – please see first semester report, attached to minutes. Discussion of “double voting” problem; the R&T committee, in conversation with the Provost’s office and UVCART, will resolve this issue before the next cycle.

h. Technology Committee: the committee recommends that the new FC bylaws ought to include representation of technology matters in the Faculty Council, even if the Tech Committee is disbanded. Discussion of possible ways of ensuring representation. This issue will be brought to the ad hoc bylaws committee.

1. **Faculty Council Bylaws Revision.** Need for Madrid Campus representation, especially in curricular matters. Discussion. Dean Barker observes that Madrid Campus representation is necessary. It would be helpful to have Madrid representation in future FC meetings. Departments ought to be kept informed & involved as well.
2. **CAS Reorganization** **4:45**
3. **Faculty Senate** **4:50**
4. **UAAC Report.** New withdrawal policy changes coming.

**Adjournment**



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Professor Robert Hughes  
President  
College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council

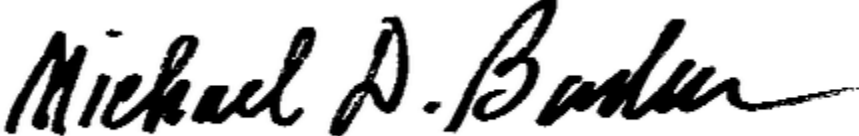
Dear Rob,

The CAS Committee on Rank, Tenure, and Sabbatical Leaves completed two weeks ago the review of the applications that we received this semester. Our complete reports have been made available to the CAS Dean. This term we evaluated 16 tenure and promotion dossiers, 10 emeritus/a applications, and 30 sabbatical requests. The members of the committee, Steve Buckner, Brian Downes, Chris Duncan, Colleen McCluskey, Karla Scott, and Cynthia Stollhans, were thorough, judicious, and committed to excellence. Chris Pudlowski, who coordinates with chairs and the committee, performed her role with her usual competence, and we could not have done the work we did without her assistance. We are also grateful for the patience of the chairs in dealing with the new covering forms and dossier formats adopted two years ago in order to coordinate the College's dossiers with the formatting required by the University Committee on Academic Rank and Tenure.

Some confusion arose over the question of double voting, about which Provost Lewis was concerned, and the format rules found on part two, page two, of UCART's Dossier Promotion and Tenure Cover Pages, the Voter/Support Summary. That page might be construed as taking the two colleagues' letters and the chair's letter as votes (even though in common Arts and Sciences practice voting only occurs when the whole department, usually including the chair and those colleagues, deliberates and votes together on a dossier). If the colleagues' letters count as votes, are they double voting when they also vote with the whole department? We are in conversation with representatives of the Provost's office and the University Committee and expect to clarify this issue before next year's promotion and tenure cycle.

Given the confidentiality of our deliberations, I cannot comment on the substance of any particular case. But I do want to say that it is a privilege to survey the achievements of colleagues who work across the College; to learn about their research, teaching innovations, and service; and to appreciate the role that chairs and departments have played in fostering faculty development and upholding high academic standards. This committee leaves me hopeful about the future of SLU.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Barber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Michael D. Barber  
Professor  
Chair, College of Arts and Sciences Committee on Rank, Tenure, and Sabbatical Leaves

Cc: Silvana Siddali