

Minutes of the CHASS Faculty Meeting (4/23/03) (tentative)

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM by the Chair, Professor Rodney Waschka.
2. The minutes of the meeting of November 12 were approved without changes.
3. Professor Walt Wolfram presented the report of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Interdisciplinary Programs (see handout appended to these minutes). The task force has met regularly throughout the semester and is about to begin formulating its recommendations. The final report of the task force is due June 1. An open meeting will be scheduled for discussion of the preliminary recommendations of the task force. Detailed information on the work of the task force is available on the web at http://www.chass.ncsu.edu/chass/new_initiatives.
4. Professor Carolyn Miller reported on the history and work of the University Copyright Committee of which she is currently a member. The committee's main job is to resolve disputes that arise under the new university copyright policy. The cases potentially requiring the most judgment fall under the category of "exceptional use." The work load has grown considerably, from one case last year to eight this year, most of which involve commercial licenses. Discussion followed during which Chair Waschka raised concerns expressed by the CHASS Faculty Council regarding the definition of exceptional use, the copyright disclosure form, and copyright assignment for work done on internal grants. Other concerns raised during the discussion included the impact of the new policy on faculty recruiting and productivity.
5. Dean Brady reported on curricular initiatives, faculty recruitment, sponsored research, fund-raising, and student achievements. The full text of her remarks is appended to these minutes.
6. The Chair presented the report of the Faculty Council. He reminded the faculty of the history and mission of the Council as stated in the CHASS Constitution and reviewed the topics discussed by the Council during the year; most discussion was devoted to interdisciplinary programs in the fall and the university copyright policy in the spring. He thanked the Council members for their hard work throughout the year and encouraged all faculty members to review the minutes of the Council meetings at http://www.chass.ncsu.edu/chass/fac_staff_admin/fac_council_minutes.html.
7. Committee Reports were received as follows:

Curriculum (Professor Hambourger)

The committee has considered roughly 60 course actions; the committee is working with FLL on a proposal to designate FL101/102 courses as free electives.

Academic Life

No report.

Personnel
No report.

Research (Dean Zingraff)

The committee has processed the standard awards. In addition, four CHASS faculty members have received university faculty professional development funds. The Dean thanked the four members who are rotating off the committee.

International Studies

No report.

Graduate Studies (Dean O'Brien)

Dean O'Brien thanked the committee for their work and reiterated Dean Brady's remarks on the various curricular initiatives that have moved forward. She also thanked Dean Brady for the allocation of enrollment increase money that has permitted an increase in stipends for graduate students. More benefit slots were also received from the Graduate School and the number of alumni fellowships also increased.

8. There was no new business.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Herkert
Secretary

**Report of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Interdisciplinary Programs
CHASS Faculty Meeting, April 23, 2003**

Membership:

Chair:

Walt Wolfram, English

Members:

Ross Bassett, History

Nathaniel Horner, Student member

David Herman, English

Clifford Griffin, Political Science and Public Administration

Doug Jesseph, Philosophy and Religion

Chuck Korte, Multidisciplinary Studies

Monica Leach, CHASS Dean's Office

Bob Patterson, Department of Crop Science

Anne Schiller, Sociology and Anthropology

Laura Severin, English

Cheryl Waites, Social Work Program

Research Assistant/Secretary:

Benjamin Torbert, grad assistant to the committee

Subcommittee Membership

Subcommittee	Members
Conceptual/Pragmatic Foundations	*Dave Herman Monica Leach
NC State Interdisciplinary Practices	*Laura Severin Ross Bassett Chuck Korte
External Interdisciplinary Models	*Monica Leach Doug Jesseph Dave Herman Cheryl Waites
Administration of Interdisciplinary Studies	*Chuck Korte Bob Patterson Clifford Griffin Anne Schiller
Recommendations	Entire Committee

*Chair

Task Force Charge:

“How best can we organize and structure the development and delivery of interdisciplinary programs, with emphasis on existing and future undergraduate and graduate degrees?” (Brady February 11, 2003)

Subject Areas for Recommendations (from Dean Brady, February 11, 2003)

- How should interdisciplinary programs be implemented and structured?
- How should interdisciplinary programs be staffed and financed?
- How should faculty be appointed, rewarded, and evaluated for promotion and tenure?
- How should CHASS envision the appropriate space to encourage interdisciplinary activity, support existing programs, and provide an incubator environment in which new programs will emerge?

Activities

- Regular Task Force meetings
- Open meeting with faculty
- University-wide survey of interdisciplinary programs (with UP&A)
- Follow-up interviews with heads of selected interdisciplinary programs
- Survey of interdisciplinary programs at peer and other selected institutions
- Follow-up discussions with representatives of selected external programs
- Meeting with consultant (Bill Newell) on interdisciplinary programs

Some Administrative Models for Interdisciplinary Program

- Place interdisciplinary programs at the departmental level, with a Head who reports directly to the Dean's office (the “NC State model”).
- Place interdisciplinary programs in a division administered by the vice-provost or vice-chancellor (the “Duke model”).
- Place interdisciplinary programs together in a “center,” in which faculty have dual appointments in the center and in their disciplinary department (the “Virginia Tech model”).
- Place interdisciplinary programs in a division, reporting to an associate or assistant dean who reports in turn to the dean of the college. At NC State, this division would be an administrative unit within CHASS that would encompass multiple interdisciplinary programs (the “Iowa Model”).
- Place interdisciplinary programs in an autonomous college, with a dean, an assistant or associate dean, support staff, and a number of faculty lines located in the college itself. The dean reports to the Provost. Faculty are recruited from traditional disciplinary departments as well to teach courses in the college (the “Miami [Ohio] model”).

For more information

http://www.chass.ncsu.edu/chass/new_initiatives