

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of April 24, 1992

Present: J. Harris, S. Kirkpatrick, P. McKeegan, P. O'Sullivan, G. Seidman, R. Welton

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 10, 1992 were approved.

II DISCUSSION OF CAP AND ELS PROPOSAL

Stephen Kirkpatrick reported that CAP violated no rules relative to the proposal submitted by ELS. However, it appears that CAP did not follow usual procedures relative to the ELS proposal. The proposal was not speedily handled. Comparative Humanities never submitted a formal proposal. Last week CAP sent a memo to Dr. Hall recommending that Comparative Humanities develop a major in English and ELS develop a component within the major and asking that Dr. Hall decide where the major would be based.

III NEW BUSINESS

Stephen met with Dr. Hall last Thursday and reported the possibility of four areas being deactivated with a total of seven lines affected: ESOL, Writing Center, Health and Physical Education and Performing Arts. He did not know if people could be laid off by July 1, or could be retained.

There is a possibility that the Performing Arts Department will be deactivated beginning in September. However, the Department would continue to serve current majors and would phase out gradually. A review and reconfiguration of the Department might take place in several years.

Faculty charged the Conveners' Council with preparing a faculty position on reorganization, reductions, etc. The Conveners' Council agreed not to propose a position, but rather to respond when a plan is announced. The Conveners' Council met yesterday to agree on a framework for questions when they meet with Dr. Hall next Tuesday. They agreed on a list of questions, including: 1) A detailed history of the prior cuts. Where the budget reductions have been made? 2) Particular cuts that may be proposed. What is the impact on our curriculum? What are the provisions for providing for our students?

IV

ADMINISTRATIVE HIRING PRACTICES

Faculty Council discussed Mike Aron's response to Faculty Council's letter regarding administrative hiring responses.

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AGENDA FOR MAY 1ST FACULTY MEETING

The agenda was set for the May 1st faculty meeting. Faculty Council agreed to have a reception after the meeting.