

**THE MEETING MINUTES OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS
Monday, February 5, 2018
McKenna Hall Auditorium**

ATTENDANCE

Deans: *Dean:* John McGreevy; *Associate Deans:* James Brockmole, Peter Holland, Essaka Joshua, Elisabeth Köll; *Assistant Deans:* Collin Meissner, Ava Preacher, Nicholas Russo, Joseph Stanfiel, Vicki Toumayan

Chairpersons and Directors: Jon Coleman, Jim Collins, William Donahue, Margot Fassler, Mary Celeste Kearney, Brian Krostenko, Tim Matovina, Sarah Mustillo, Diarmuid O'Giollan, Alison Rice, Mark Schurr, Peter Smith, Tom Stapleford, Tom Tweed, Yongping Zhu

Elected Faculty: Christopher Abram, Carolina Arroyo, David Betson, Liang Cai, Jessica Collett, Ann-Marie Conrado, Noreen Deane-Moran, Denise Della Rossa, Kirk Doran, Kevin Dreyer, David Gibson, Thomas Gresik, Michael Kackman, William Mattison, Matthew Payne, Siiri Scott, Lynette Spillman, Meghan Sullivan, David Watson, Hannelore Weber, Lira Yoon

Graduate Representatives: Justin Strong

Regularly Invited Guests, Observers, and Resource People: Kate Garry (Dean's Office), Geraldine Meehan (Director, Faculty Engagement/Global Gateways at NDI), Kathleen Opel (Director, Office of International Studies), Matt Zyniewicz (Dean's Office)

Excused: Lee Anna Clark, Mary Flannery, Bill Evans, Luis Fraga, Ben Heller, Encarnacion Juarez-Almendros, Jesse Lander, Christina Murphy, Juan Vitulli, Paul Weithman

Dean John McGreevy convened the meeting at 3:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

John McGreevy asked for any amendments to the November 15, 2018 College Council minutes. The minutes were approved without corrections.

COLLEGE BUSINESS

Announcement

J. McGreevy began the meeting by offering a point of information about changes to the College requirements. In a previous communication the Dean's Office issued a statement that read, "the College will not allow AP credit, for major, University core, college requirements." The College would like to further consider this decision and will delay implementation for one year. One of the issues to consider is the fact that other colleges/schools in the University allow for AP credits and this complicates matters when students transfer from college/schools to other college/schools. Another issue to consider would be if students double major, and one college/school allows AP credits and the College of Arts and Letters does not. How does that affect the status of the student? J. McGreevy indicated that the College will look into such situations in view of the new policy.

Russian Studies Minor

J. McGreevy asked Associate Dean Essaka Joshua, William Donahue (*Chairperson, Department of German and Russian Languages and Literatures*), and David Gasperetti (*Department of German and Russian Languages and Literatures*) to introduce the proposal for a Russian Studies Minor. E. Joshua provided a broader context for the proposal, noting that the proposal had been approved by the Undergraduate Studies Committee. She stated that based on an external review of the Department in 2013 J. McGreevy mandated that the Department work to become a little more relevant for the College. She also observed that the Department needed to respond to changes in the field of Russian Studies, that it should include more geographical areas. The proposed minor also clarifies the curriculum and allows the Department to eliminate one of its minors that has not attracted many students.

D. Gasperetti introduced the proposal. He noted that faculty from across the College are available to offer courses for the minor, from music, to theology, to art history, etc. In the end, the minor will not require more funding from the College.

He also mentioned that the Department gave some thought to how to keep the minor from turning into a minor that is simply 5 courses mixed together without some curricular cohesion. The Department will offer an introductory course that helps make the minor conceptually coherent and the Department will also provide academic advising that will attend to develop more coherent course combinations.

Carolina Arroyo (*Department of Political Science*) noted that an introductory course for the minor will be taught at least once a year but wondered if it would be taught every semester. She also wondered why the course would carry only one credit. D. Gasperetti responded that a one-credit course gives faculty more flexibility to teach it. He further explained that the Department will offer it at least once a year, and the Department could offer the introductory course every semester if necessary.

Ann-Marie Conrado (*Department of Art, Art History, and Design*) recalled that the Department plans to phase out another minor. She asked which minor? W. Donahue stated that the Department will retain the Russian Minor in Language and Literature. D. Gasperetti indicated that the Russian and East European minor simply has not attracted students because it is a hybrid minor. The Russian Studies minor would replace it, and students can also pursue studies of the Russian Language if they wished.

J. McGreevy called for a vote to approve the proposed minor in Russian Studies.

Vote:

45 in favor. 0 against. 0 abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT

J. McGreevy adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew C. Zyniewicz
Dean's Executive Administrator