

Minutes
COAS Task Force Committee
September 18, 2008

Members Present: N. Tuschling, R. Duchovic, D. Moore, A. Shupe, I. Mallin, K. Bordens, P. Dragnev, A. Argast, G. Wang, L. Corbin, R. Hile, A. Livschiz, D. Kline, B. Kingsbury (chair), M. Jordan, L. Hess, M. Wolf and H. McDonald-Lara.

The meeting was called to order 12:00

1. Dean Lipman

- a. Handed out a book "*Why Science?*" for members to use to help generate ideas on how to distribute Arts & Sciences requirements and make sure that they fit into the baccalaureate framework. Make sure that Arts & Sciences majors have the capacity, experience, and courses are distributed to fit the baccalaureate framework.
- b. Dean would like the committee to review the data and look at the general education requirements and social & behavioral sciences. To review and make sure all disciplines are being represented.

2. Handouts

Ann Livschiz provided copies of an effort she made to reconcile current A&S requirements against the baccalaureate framework.

Dustin Moore provided copies of an e-mail from T. Hicks, former Arts & Sciences advisor, containing Tom's perspectives on Arts and Sciences requirements.

3. Discussion

Ann's efforts to reconcile current A&S requirements with the back framework led her to think that we were doing pretty well already. The group as a whole agreed that we should not try to reinvent something that was fundamentally sound.

In addition to some discussion of the handouts, we also spent time talking about capstone experiences. Do we want all A&S students to have a capstone experience? Committee members agreed on the value of such an experience, but did not want to see an A&S level (above department) course, and many felt that we should not impose the expectation across the board.

How we were to approach our task in the future was also a topic of discussion. The general consensus was that we would ultimately move towards a "line by line" review of the existing requirements to see if they were adequate or needed elements removed or added. After further digestion representatives will go to their respective departments for additional feedback.

5. Next meeting is Thursday, October 2nd at noon.

Please review:

- the materials distributed today for discussion at next meeting.
- current distribution of credits and identify any problems with them.
- materials from other schools provided last semester.

If you identify items for discussion, please bring them up at the meeting.