

Members present: E. Blakemore, M. Dixon, P. Dragnev, C. Erickson, C. Hill, S. Champion (Acting Secretary)

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.
2. Minutes of the September 12 and November 7, 2007 meetings were approved.
3. The Curriculum Committee had requested guidance about a Physics/Engineering double degree proposal which did not include a foreign language requirement. The Executive Committee strongly recommended that until or unless the requirements for a BS degree are changed, the current policy of requiring a foreign language should stand. C. Erickson will contact Anne Argast, Curriculum Committee chair, with the Executive Committee's decision.
4. A Task Force will be organized to review/revise COAS requirements for BA and BS degrees, and for joint degrees with other schools and colleges (e.g., degrees in secondary teaching programs) as they fit the Baccalaureate Framework. All degree-granting departments must be represented. A charge will be drafted and circulated by email among this committee's member, with a final announcement to be sent, via email, to all faculty. An additional reminder will be sent just to chairs asking for the names of representatives from their departments. The anticipated completion would be in time for the spring 2009 convocation, at which time changes would go before the faculty for approval.
5. The following topics were also discussed:
  - a. the need for a campus-wide foreign language
  - b. the need for students to understand that a COAS degree does indeed prepare them for employment by giving them written and oral communication and problem solving skills, and how to promote that fact to them. Perhaps a handout to students in 100-level English, communication, and math classes?
  - c. the VCAA will be asked to send an announcement to A&S faculty telling them who has been selected to serve on the Dean's Review Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.