Arts and Sciences Subcommittee Meeting 9/21/11

Present: Don Adams (DA), Steve Watton (SW), Reginald Simmons (RS), Eleanor Thornton (ET), Adele Miller (AM), Mark Jackson (MJ), Nara Mijid (NM), Lauren Perdue (LP), Nimmi Sharma (NS), Robbin Smith (RoS), Paul Karpuk (PK), Jacub Kazecki (JK), Stephen Adair (SA), Sheila Siragusa (SS), Mark Jones (MJJo).

Meeting called to order 3:16pm

Elections

(1) Chair: RS nominated and seconded. Motion to close made, seconded and passed. Passed.

(2) Secretary: SW nominated and seconded. Motion to close made, seconded and passed. Passed.

Agenda items

(1) FR261. Represented by JK. Change of GenEd from study area I to study area III and add 1 credit. Deferred to GE.


(5) Minor in Modern Language (in Japanese). Represented by JK. Add PES210 (Topics in Peace Studies, appropriate to minor) as directed elective. Motion to approve, 2nd. Passed.

Other Business

DA noted that the new catalog contains many errors and problems. The suggestion had been made to move to publication of the undergraduate and graduate catalogs to an annual basis. DA sought feedback. Discussion centered on practical issues such as timely proofing of curricular updates, with the suggestion being made that this could be done as items appear in the shadow catalog rather than at the end of the year, prior to publication. Some discussion on reverting back to paper catalogs was had, with no clear consensus among the subcommittee. It was also noted that the publication of an annual catalog would potentially increase problems for the registrar and for advisors, who would need to more carefully keep track of student matriculation dates and the associated requirements.