

The September 20, 2001 meeting of the Council on Academic Affairs was held at 2:00 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room.

Members present: Dr. Bock, Mr. Brinkmeyer, Ms. Catto, Dr. Cosby, Dr. Dietz, Ms. Fernandez, Dr. Helsel, Dr. Methven, Dr. Owen, Dr. Samuels, and Dr. Shonk.

Staff present: Vice-President Lord, Dr. Herrington-Perry, and Ms. Karr.

Guests present: G. Aylesworth, A. Baharlou, A. Davis, S. Canfield, P. Guinane, E. Keiter, B. Kuykendall, and G. Obia,

I. Minutes.

The minutes of September 13, 2001 were approved as corrected. Under "Members present" add Dr. Shelton's name. Under III "course proposal and CAA policy" was corrected to **course proposal and CAA policy formats.**

II. Communications.

1. Letter from Dr. McCormick advising that the Phi Beta Kappa lecture has been postponed until Spring.
2. Letter from Associate Dean Bower regarding the following two changes in teacher certification general education requirements.
  - 1) Effective immediately, INT 2200 can be used toward the physical science portion of the General Education Requirements for Teachers (p. 88 of the 2001-2002 catalog). The rationale behind this decision is two-fold - 1) the course is recognized by the University as a physical science for the purpose of general education and 2) the State is no longer as concerned with prefixes as they once were. While this course can be used toward the General Education Requirements for Teachers, departments may require specific science courses for their programs. Please consult with major departments as appropriate.
  - 2) World Religion, Comparative Religion, and like courses from other institutions may now be acceptable. These courses will still need to be reviewed and added to the list of approved 3rd world/non-western courses. If you have courses from other institutions that you would like to be reviewed (or reviewed again) for approval as 3rd world/non-western please send me a copy of the course description or syllabi.
3. Definitions of Course Delivery Modes from Dr. Herrington-Perry.

III. Agenda Item Acted On.

1. 01-65. Proposal of the IAI Steering Panel Subcommittee to Revise the General Education Core Curriculum.

Considerable discussion preceded the vote on this motion. Dr. Herrington-Perry provided background information on the proposal. The Illinois Articulation Initiative Steering Panel Subcommittee to Revise the General Education Core Curriculum will consider the proposal at their September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The proposal would allow transfer students to increase the number of hours of math and science and decrease the number of hours of humanities and arts counted toward the general education core curriculum.

The intent of the proposal is to level the playing field between native and transfer students in majors such as Chemistry and Physics. These majors require so many prerequisites that transfer students are often behind in the major in order to satisfy the general education requirements since, unlike native students, they do not have the option of spreading out general education requirements over four years. If this proposal were ultimately adopted, EIU would retain the option to require transfer students to complete the additional humanities and arts hours so they complied with EIU's general education requirements.

The consensus of the Council was that the question of a liberal education versus career

education was an issue. An important question was how does the EIU experience differ from the Community College experience? There was also concern about approving the proposal and then later requiring transfer students who met general education core curriculum to take the additional arts and humanities hours. One reason for the last revision of EIU general education requirements was to eliminate this type of situation.

The motion was defeated by a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Luann Karr, Coordinator.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

**September 27, 2001**

**2:00 p.m.**

Arcola/Tuscola Room

Agenda:

Mr. May's address on the use of student services logos on course syllabi.