

Faculty Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2009

**Present:** Julio de Paula, Dean of the College; Jane Hunter, Associate Dean; Andrew Bernstein, Associate Professor of History; Daena Goldsmith, Professor of Communication; Rob Kugler, Wright Professor of Christian Studies; Liz Safran, Associate Professor of Geological Science; and Terri Banasek, Executive Assistant and recorder.

**Agenda Items:**

1. The minutes of December 11, 2008, and January 21, 2009, were approved.
2. Faculty Council discussed the timeline for approving position requests.
3. Faculty Council approved David Champion's sabbatical request.
4. Faculty Council reviewed the charge to the outside reviewers for the foreign languages and literatures department. The draft represents some consultation between Associate Dean Hunter and the department. The last three questions have to do with general education, the role of language in general education, and our language requirement.
5. Faculty Council discussed a policy on collaborative teaching models. The model would have to fit into the curriculum and provide value added to the curriculum, students, or faculty. There have been some experiments running that could be assessed by the Faculty Council:
  - In chemistry and physics, Steve Tufte and Niko Loening have been teaching instrumental methods very successfully. This course could not be taught by either of the faculty members alone.
  - Elliott Young and Freddy Vilches developed a course bringing someone from foreign languages and someone from history together to teach a course bilingually on Latin America. The value added is teach bilingually and offering readings in the original language. Dean de Paula is not sure how it is going. The class is full, and they are enjoying it. The course would need evaluation from both students and faculty.
  - John Callahan and David Champion are collaboratively teaching a course in history and English. Faculty Council needs to know how that is going.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 26, 3:30-5:00 p.m.