Minutes of the CHAS Senate
December 2, 2013
3:30 p.m., Dean’s Conference Room, CAC

Members present: Bohnenkamp (Communication Sciences & Disorders), Brand (Communication Studies), Doely (Art), Greenhalgh (Technology), Haack (Dean), Heinzel (Earth Science), Hill (Philosophy & World Religions), Manfredi (Chemistry & Biochemistry), Morgan (Physics and Science Education), Poleksić (Computer Science), Vanderwall (Languages & Literatures), Wood (Mathematics).

Chair Heinzel called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

1. Welcome
2. Announcements: No announcements were made.
3. Vanderwall moved to accept the November 4 minutes; Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Old business
   a. Curriculum changes: Several items were voted on electronically since the last senate meeting, but were reconsidered at today’s meeting, with allowance for senators to add votes on various course proposals. A summary of curricular votes is below:
      i. CSD 6230 – Structural Disorders. Approval from the department chair was missing; no changes were made to the proposal. The senate voted 13-0-1 (for-against-abstain) to approve the course.
      ii. ENGLISH 1120 – Literature: [Topic]. Changes made to the placement of the specific topic to make it clear to students. Also reconsidered by the LAC to ensure the class continues to be multi-genre. The senate voted 13-0-1 to approve the course.
      iii. TECH 3010 – Project Lead the Way. The course number was raised to the 3000 level to reflect the General Physics prerequisite. The senate voted 14-0-0 to approve the course.
      iv. TECH 1024 – Drawing and Design. Clarification to the required prerequisite of CAD proficiency was added. The senate voted 14-0-0 to approve the course.
      v. TECH 4110 – Manufacturing Process Planning. This course was rolled back by the GCCC, which requested that information be added to the course justification differentiating requirements and expectations for graduate students enrolled in the course. The changes have been incorporated. The senate voted 14-0-0 to approve the course.
      vi. Graphic Technology – BA (program) was rolled back as it appeared that a required course, TECH 3179, did not exist. It exists, but technical issues were/are preventing it from appearing in the online catalog. The senate voted 14-0-0 to approve the program description.
      vii. CS 1150 – Programming Environments for Elementary Education. The course was rolled back by the UCC which requested a revision in the hours and course description. The course credits are now set at 2. The senate voted 14-0-0 to approve the course.
      viii. ENGLISH 3710 – Craft of Creative Nonfiction. This is a new course proposal. The senate voted 13-0-1 to approve the course.
      ix. ENGLISH 4110 – Environmental Literature. This course was rolled back by the GCCC, which asked that additional information be added to the course
description to identify the differences in requirements and expectations for
graduate students enrolled in the course. Clarification of different expectations
has been added. The senate voted to approve the course 14-0-0.

x. ENGLISH 4710 – The Personal Essay. This course is being dropped, and
replaced by ENGLISH 3710. The senate voted 13-0-1 to approve the course
drop.

xi. ENGLISH 4730 – Creative Nonfiction Workshop. This course was rolled back
by the GCCC, which asked that additional information be added to the course
description to identify the differences in requirements and expectations for
graduate students enrolled in the course. Clarification of different expectations
has been added. The senate voted to approve the course 14-0-0.

xii. LANG 4750 – Assessment in Language Learning. The course should not have a
5000-level shadow number, and it has been dropped. The senate voted 14-0-0
to approve the change.

xiii. PHYSICS 1511 – General Physics I. The LACC requested that language used to
describe the ALEKS score prerequisite be changed to a "satisfactory ALEKS
score," recognizing that ALEKS scores may change as the test changes, and to
align wording with that used in Mathematics. The description has been
changed. The senate voted 14-0-0 to approve the course.

xiv. PHYSICS 4700 – Electrodynamics and PHYSICS 4800 – Quantum Mechanics.
The pre-requisites for the courses have been revised to be consistent with the
fact that MATH 3425 is no longer required in the Physics BS program. The
senate voted 13-0-1 to approve the changes.

xv. PHYSICS 4860 – Computational Physics. The description has been revised to
make it clear that the course will be offered every year, as it is now a required
course in the Physics BS program. The senate voted 13-0-1 to approve the change.

xvi. PHYSICS 4900 – Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics. The description
has been revised to make it clear that the course will be offered every year, as
it is now a required course in the Physics BS program. Additionally, changes in
prerequisites have been made that allow improved access for physics minors
and BA Physics Teaching majors. The senate voted 13-0-1 to approve the change.

xvii. ENGLISH 3144 – Genocide in Writing and Film (New Course) and TESOL 3550
– Constructing Cross-Cultural Bridges (New Course.) These courses are
proposed to serve as new Capstone courses; the LACC requests that the
Languages and Literatures department complete the LAC Capstone Course
Proposal. These forms have been completed, but the LACC will not meet prior
to this course being considered by the UCC. The senate voted 10-0-4 to
approve the courses, pending their acceptance by the LAC as Capstone
courses.

xviii. RELS 3103 – Religion, Magic, and Witchcraft and ANTH 3103 – Religion, Magic,
and Witchcraft is a new course cross-listed in two departments. The course
descriptions are revised to align pre-requisites. The senate voted 11-0-3 to
approve the courses.

xix. LANG 4093 – Technology in Language Education. The course has been
previously considered, and the course description has been revised to more
adequately reflect course content and prerequisites. Per senate discussion, it is unclear whether or not this course is proposed to take the place of a currently required education course. The senate voted 7-0-7 on the course proposal, meaning that the course is not approved at this time.

Vanderwall moved to ratify the electronic votes on all curricular issues discussed electronically, summarized in the four documents reviewed by Chair Heinzel. Hill seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

Heinzel noted that there were a few curricular motions that were considered by the University Curriculum Committee without prior approval from the college senate. As we continue the transition to the new curricular system and process, these and other challenges will arise. Vanderwall suggests that we might communicate concerns the senate has with the process to the appropriate person(s); Heinzel will investigate further.

b. **Faculty Awards:** Heinzel presented a summary of ideas discussed previously, suggesting four college awards of $1000.00 for excellence in teaching (2) and research (2). Faculty would have the opportunity to receive a cash award or keep the award as a stipend to support future teaching, travel, or research. The council of department heads would select these awards.

In addition, there is a proposal for a single summative award (perhaps $1500) recognizing excellence in teaching, service, and research and/or creative activities. This award would be selected by the senate and dean from nominations forwarded from department heads.

There was discussion of the logistics of the awards; Heinzel will summarize suggested changes and resend the document for further discussion early in the Spring 2014 semester.

5. New business: No new business was discussed.

6. Hill moved to adjourn; Vanderwall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The senate adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Morgan

CHAS Senate Secretary