Present: Juan Carlos Castillo, Francis Degnin, Timothy Dooley, Richard Glockner, Lauren Nelson, Hunter Capoccioni (for Robert Washut), Kavita Dhanwada (representing the Dean)

Absent: Paul Siddens, Tammy Gregersen,

1. Administrative Update

Associate Dean Dhanwada reported that there are no major administrative updates. The Merger Steering Committee work groups are completing their work and reports will be posted on the steering committee website.

The Office of Sponsored Programs’ Research Symposium has been scheduled and the keynote speaker will be Dr. Eugene Rice. Dr. Rice’s presentation will focus on working across departmental boundaries along the lines of the American Scholar model. The symposium will include breakout sessions and also will include opportunities for faculty to present research and scholarship, and performances with a component of scholarship. The deadline for faculty submissions was December 3rd, but submissions after the deadline might be considered. Interested faculty can go to the Office of Sponsored Programs’ website for information.

2. Approved Minutes 324 (November 15, 2010) as submitted. (RG/TD moved/seconded)

3. Announcements

Update on status of subcommittees for the Faculty Awards

CHFA Senate volunteers to review applications for faculty awards are Tammy Gregersen, Richard Glockner, and Paul Siddens. This subcommittee must complete their work by February 6th. Nominations are in and we have two nominations for the class of 1943 award, and one nomination for the Ross A. Nielsen service award.

One College Representative to the selection committee for each award needs to be named by January 21, and a maximum of two names need to submitted by February 1. Chair Castillo will contact previous winners to determine if they will be willing to serve on the selection committee.

Senators noted that one possibility for distributing award documents is to set up an eLearning website that senate members could access. This system could also be used for distributing minutes and so forth. Along the same line, some departments have not had success in uploading their curriculum packets. The eLearning site could provide a way to distribute curriculum information if this problem cannot be fixed by next semester.

Nominations to Regents’ Faculty Award for Faculty Excellence

Two individuals were identified as nominees and at this point all the Senate needs to do is submit the names. The selection committee will contact nominees regarding the materials they need to submit. Two additional nominees could come from previous winners of the CHFA Faculty Excellence award.

Upcoming events:
January 18 (Interpreter's Theatre, 7 PM): CHFA Faculty Excellence Award Presentation: April Chatham-Carpenter and Chris Martin
Reminder of Curriculum Packets and Tentative Spring calendar
December 15 - Curriculum Packets due to Senate
February 7 - Philosophy & World Religions, Communication Sciences and Disorders
February 21 - Communication Studies
March 7 - Communication Studies, Theatre
March 21 - Art
April 4 - Music
April 11 - Modern Languages
April 18 - English

One question that arose regarded problems with the online curriculum site. Could problems with the site mean that some departments will have difficulty meeting the December 15th deadline? One theory was that problems with the system could be related to the tool, Google Chrome, used to create it. However, current information suggests that Google Chrome is not the source of the problem.

4. Old Business

Senator Degnin asked about the January 31st meeting. Chair Castillo noted that this meeting will be devoted to discussion of the teacher education proposal.

5. New Business

CHFA Senate tentatively will meet on January 24th to discuss the new bylaws, possibly with CNS senate

Motion to adjourn (FD/HC).