Present: Peter Berendzen, Jim Demastes (Biology); Laura Strauss (Chemistry and Biochemistry); Aleksandar Poleksic (Computer Science); John Groves (Earth Science); Reg Pecen, Sara Smith, Julie Zhang, Jin Zhu (Industrial Technology); Jihwa Noh, Suzanne Riehl, Nikolay Silkin (Mathematics); John Deisz (Physics), Jeff Morgan (Science Education)

1. The senate continued consideration of the curriculum package from the (current) Department of Industrial Technology. Several senators voiced opposition to the creation of new courses: Introduction to Sustainability and Principles of Aviation, particularly the latter. The general consensus is that adding a sequence of aviation courses that take university resources and do not progress students toward any degree should not happen. Groves moved that we approve Industrial Technology packet #4125, with the addition of the New Course Proposal for Digital Imaging II, (pending minor typographical corrections) but with the exception of two proposed courses: TECH:1XXX – Principles of Aviation and TECH:2XXX – Aeronautical Risk Mitigation. Berendzen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. There was one change (dropping a ‘g’ designation) to the mathematics curriculum packet (800:111g Introduction to Algebraic Thinking for Elementary Teachers), in response to changes in Curriculum and Instruction; this was approved.

3. Announcement: The individual in the department responsible for the packet edits must complete such by June 1, 2011, and subsequently transfer control of the packet to the Dean’s Office.

4. Announcement: The senator for your department for the new college senate should be identified by mid-April. For current CNS departments with multiple senators, this requires the department to select a single senator to serve for 2011-12 (and beyond), as the senate in the combined combined college will consist of a single representative of each department.
5. The next senate meeting will be on April 1 at 3:30 p.m. We will discuss committee assignments for 2011-12, as well as the question raised by Industrial Technology regarding the frequency of requested schedule waivers.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Morgan