Committee on Academic Programs  
November 28, 2006


Call to Order
The Chair, Tim Renick, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. in Room 718, General Classroom Building

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the September 19, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously as amended. MaryAnne Gaunt indicated she was present.

CAP approved the procedures for the creation of new degree programs and majors at its September 19, 2006 meeting. To ensure the approval will be included on the Senate website archives, the proposal was attached to the approved minutes.

Dr. Renick announced Paul Eisenberg was added back to the WAC Subcommittee.

Consideration of Proposal for BA degree in Applied Linguistics
Sara Weigle presented the proposal from the Undergraduate Council for a B.A. degree in Applied Linguistics. Dr. Weigle stated the proposal had gone through the approval process from the Department of Applied Linguistics and English as a Second Language (AL/ESL) to College of Arts and Sciences. AL/ESL anticipates enrolling students in the fall semester, 2007. The proposal capitalizes on the strengths of the department faculty and strong ongoing leadership in the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (B.I.S.) program in Language Studies administered by the department, which graduates approximately 25-30 students per year. This B.A. Degree will not require additional resources and will allow the department to allocate its resources more efficiently, while enhancing the University’s mission.

Faye Borthick questioned if the assessment plan critical analytical skills had been adequately addressed and suggested the skill to get the data should be made more explicit.

Dr. Renick stated including assessment plans in proposals was not a Board of Regents requirement, but a Georgia State University requirement. He also explained Sara Weigle recused herself as Chair of the Undergraduate Council while this proposal was under consideration and Donald Reitzes chaired.

After discussions, the proposal was approved unanimously.

Assessment of General Education Outcomes in the Core
Harry Dangel reported on the plans and results for assessing Georgia State’s general education learning outcomes in the core by the General Education Core Assessment Committee of CAP who will provide feedback to the departments about their plans and outcomes. The assessment was shifted from being managed by a central committee to each department with a course in the core to close the loop and the
concern that a centralized approach was not appropriate. Dr. Dangel stated an issue being worked through is that no department looked at collaboration as an outcome. The goal of the assessment is to improve student outcomes and not hold departments accountable to meeting standards, but to offer encouragements, provide helpful advice and stress improvements.

Update on QEP
The Quality Enhancement Plan proposal will be ready for consideration at the next meeting. Dr. Dangel reported continued discussions with students and meeting with the Deans. At point department layout plans pending requirement of two courses needed to graduate. Discussion is having the QEP process folded in the general education process. CAP will be involved at the practical level.

Subcommittee updates
Dr. Weigle reported Undergraduate Council would reconsider a proposal for a CIS course in Area D for the core after receiving the impact and learning outcomes of the proposal from the chairs in Natural Sciences.

Dean Dabney, for Graduate Council, gave an update on the graduate level academic policies required by SACS. The Graduate Council has gotten recommendations from the Dean’s Group and hope to have a proposal at the next meeting regarding minimum credit hours for all degrees, non-credit coursework, maximum transfer hours and graduate academic residency requirements. Dr. Dabney also indicated the Graduate Council received proposals for an Executive Doctorate in Business and a Masters in African American Studies.

Dr. Renick reported for APRC for Lloyd Nigro who is stepping down January 31. Jim Wolk will take over. Dr. Renick stated CAP recognizes Dr. Nigro extremely hard and organized work over the years on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM