Committee on Academic Programs (CAP)  
November 18, 2008

**Present:** Michelle Brattain, Allison Calhoun-Brown, Brendan Calandra, Mary Jo Dejoice, Irene Duhaime, William Feldhaus, Shelby Frost, Maria Gindhart, Michael Herb, Laura Kimble, Rick Lake, Lisa Martin-Hansen, Kathryn McClymond, Bruce Pilling, George Pullman, Timothy Renick, Marti Singer, Kelly Timmons, Shelly-Ann Williams, Sara Weigle, Jim Wolk

**Guests:** Richard Keatley [Arts & Sciences, Modern & Classical Languages]

**Call to Order**
The Chair, Sara Weigle called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in Room 718, General Classroom Building.

**Approval of Minutes**
The minutes of October 21, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Motion from Undergraduate Council to deactivate BIS in Language Studies**
Shelby Frost, on behalf of the Undergraduate Council moved the approval to deactivate BIS in Language Studies. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

**Motion from Undergraduate Council to approve a BIS program with a Concentration in Italian Studies**
Shelby Frost, on behalf of the Undergraduate Council and Richard Keatley, Modern & Classical Languages, moved the approval to establish a BIS program with a concentration in Italian Studies. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

**Motion from Undergraduate Council to approve name change for Philosophy 2010**
Shelby Frost, on behalf of the Undergraduate Council moved the approval to change the name for Philosophy 2010 from “Great Questions of Philosophy” to “Introduction to Philosophy”. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

**Agenda items for new GSU President**
Topics for discussion with the new GSU President were amended as follows:

- USG system-wide curriculum revision (concerns about)
- Student retention Issues (challenge)
- Funding and support for increasing size of freshman class (will it be available?)
- Process of academic program review at GSU and importance of action plans (strength)
- Recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty (challenge)
- Critical Thinking through Writing (CTW) initiative (strength)
- What strategic plans (if any) new president might have for GSU (question)
- Space and infrastructure needs: classrooms, laboratories, adapting infrastructure for new technologies (e.g., online learning) (challenge)
- Determining an appropriate ratio between tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty (challenge/question)
- Funding and support for Freshman Learning Communities (FLC) (desire/challenge)
- Research experience for undergraduates (desire to enhance)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.