

To: A&S Council Members

From: Leonidas G. Bachas  
Dean

Subject: MINUTES of the College Council Meeting of October 7, 2013  
Physics Conference Room

Date: October 14, 2013

**12:15 Lunch**

**12:30 Call to Order**

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 9, 2013 Meeting**  
A motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved.
2. **INS/POL Update**  
Dean Bachas referred to a new document that was shared with the faculty of INS/POL following the Faculty Senate's request to provide clarification on some aspect of the previous proposal on the merger. He indicated that after the meeting of the Council he will seek input from faculty of both departments before a final document could be shared with the full faculty for adoption. He also contemplated a request with a motion for the College Council to call a Special Meeting of the College Faculty to address several proposals including the INS/POL document that need the College Faculty approval. The motion to hold a Special Meeting of the College Faculty on October 21, 2013 was offered, seconded and approved.
3. **Approval of the Proposal for an English Minor in Creative Writing – Professor Evelina Galang**  
Professor Evelina Galang presented the rationale for an English Minor in Creative Writing. She noted that this is a practice similarly offered at other universities. There will be no additional resources required to provide this program, neither in form of funding nor faculty. This minor is an opportunity offered to all students to take Creative Writing. This minor is similar to the minor in Literature in English. After discussion regarding the sequence of some courses, which Professor Galang clarified, a motion was made and approved to bring this proposal to the Faculty at the October 21<sup>st</sup> special meeting for their action.

4. **Approval of the Proposal for Philosophy of Mathematics Majors and Minors Tracks.**  
At the request of the Philosophy Department, the proposal is withdrawn for consideration at this time.
  
5. **Approval of the Proposal to Repeal the Requirement for Undergraduate ECS Majors to Complete a Second Major – Professor Gina Maranto**  
Professor Gina Maranto explained the request to repeal the requirement for undergraduate ECS majors to complete a second major in order to keep the rigor of the degree as well as to offer more flexibility to students. She said it will serve students well to have a single major requirement and would be very helpful with retention. Students will be encouraged depending to pursue a second major. The proposal was approved to move forward to the College Faculty for their action.
  
6. **Approval of the Proposal for an Environmental Sustainability Certificate Program**  
Professor Maranto presented the rationale for this certificate program and explained the curriculum/credits that would be required to obtain the Environmental Sustainability Certificate, and how it worked with the cognates. She noted that this is a student-driven proposal. It was suggested to not only offer this program as a certificate program, but to also create a sustainability minor, which may be appealing and marketable to students. This proposal was approved to go forward to the College Faculty for their action.
  
7. **Discussion and Approval of a Special Meeting of the College Faculty – Proposed Date: Monday, October 21, 2013 at 3:30 P.M.**  
The proposed date of Monday, October 21, 2013 for a Special Meeting of the College Faculty was approved.
  
8. **Approval of the Draft Agenda for the Special Meeting of the Faculty:**
  1. Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Minutes
  2. Motions –Action Items
    - Voting Rights for Educator and Research Faculty
    - Voting Rights for Senior Status Professors
  3. INS/POL Update and Action Item
  4. Approval of Proposals (4-5 proposals) – Action Items
  5. United Way Campaign –Professor Frank Stringfellow
  6. Report of the Committee on Academic Appeals - Athena Sanders, Assistant Dean for Student Academic Services
  7. Faculty Senate Report – Professor Milenkovic
  8. Next College Faculty Meeting, November 19, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.

The Draft Agenda for the Special Meeting of the Faculty of October 21<sup>st</sup> was approved. The Council meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.