

SUNY Oswego – Academic Policies Council Minutes, November 14, 2014

Members in attendance: E. Benavides, M. Mohammadi, J. Nichols, P. Russo, P. Tomascak, K. White

Guest: C. Clabough

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

1. The two-item **agenda** was accepted by affirmation.
2. It was decided that the **minutes of the 10/31/14 meeting** would be examined at the next meeting, considering the absence of S. Fettes.
3. The proposal to **create a Minor in Illustration** was discussed. C. Clabough, chair of the Art Department, was on hand to answer the small number of questions posed. It was noted that the proposal had been approved by the Priorities and Planning Council. The Council was informed that Art generally considers Minor programs to be important for their majors as a means of specialization and credentialing (unlike most major-minor programs). In fact we learned that most of the expected 16-20 Illustration Minors would be Art majors. Clabough pointed out that there was also interest among a cohort of Zoology majors for technical illustration, as well as some Creative Writing majors. The department intends to track enrollment in the Minor by non-majors to better understand the direction of the program. Acting on a motion from E. Benavides (seconded by J. Nichols), the proposal was approved *nem con*.
4. The **request to change the list of depth courses in the Psychology B.A. degree program** was considered. The Council agreed that the narrative is clumsily written (including an instance where “breadth” was written instead of “depth”); a grumpier APC might have sent this back to the department for clarification. Having overcome the unclear language, the justification for the change was deemed satisfactory. As part of the evolving PSY major program, breadth and depth courses are being realigned: the former will be 300-level, and the latter 400-level. The major wrinkle in the request is that it be made retroactive. However, this was not considered to be significant, given the recent implementation of the new major. It seems improbable that this change, that only affects students who have advanced past introductory-level courses, could have a negative impact on any student who entered the revised program. The fact that two of four depth areas now have only one course was considered a potential problem, but, according to M. Mohammadi, one that is likely to be addressed in coming semesters as the faculty changes. Following a motion from P. Russo, seconded by K. White, the request was approved *nem con*.

Following a motion from P. Tomascak, the meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m. This was the last scheduled meeting for the fall 2014 semester.

Respectfully submitted by P. Tomascak, 11/23/14. Approved by unanimous vote at the 2/6/15 meeting.