

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2012
4:00-5:30 p.m. Room CAS 522

Followed by
Sherry Hour in Room CAS 106

AGENDA

Automatic Consent Agenda

Items listed for approval on the automatic consent agenda list are fully described in documents that are posted on the web at <http://www.bu.edu/cas/faculty-staff/committees>. Any faculty member who wishes to discuss a particular item, or hear a discussion on a particular item, or call for a vote on an item on the automatic consent agenda list is invited to contact Nancy Geourntas (casdean@bu.edu) no later than noon on Wednesday, October 17, to flag that item. No explanation is necessary; the item will be raised for discussion and a vote at the meeting.

Agenda for Discussion and Action

1. Dean's Report
2. Presentation and Discussion on Preparing Liberal Arts & Sciences Students for Careers.
Kimberly DelGizzo, Director, BU Center for Career Development
3. Faculty Council Report
4. Old Business
5. New Business

Automatic Consent Business

Minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting

Recommendations for Approval:

The CAS Academic Policy Committee recommends approval of the following new degree program and revisions to existing programs:

- A proposal from the Department of Biology to revise the undergraduate major in Biology as well the five specializations associated with the major: Behavioral Biology; Cell Biology, Molecular Biology & Genetics; Ecology & Conservation Biology; Neurobiology; and Quantitative Biology

Summary of Revisions:

1. MA 115 and MA 116 are added to the list of courses that can be taken to fulfill the requirement of two related courses in the area of mathematics and computer science for all BI majors except the Quantitative Biology specialization, which retains statistics sequence MA 213/214 as a specific requirement.

2. NE 203 is added to the list of courses that can be taken toward the requirement of three biology courses beyond BI 107/108 with a laboratory component.
3. The minimum grade that BI majors must earn in prerequisite courses BI 107/108 is raised from D to C-.
4. CGS NS 201, completed with a grade of C- or higher, automatically fulfills the BI 107 requirement for students continuing into the major from the College of General Studies.

Contact: Michael Sorenson

- A proposal from the Department of Modern Languages & Comparative Literature, in collaboration with nine cognate units, to establish a new interdisciplinary undergraduate major in Middle East Studies

Summary of Requirements:

1. Eleven principal (four-credit) courses, completed with a grade of C or higher and distributed as follows: a) one course from List A (broad introduction to the region), three courses from List B (humanities), three courses from List C (social sciences), and four electives, which may include Senior Honors work and/or language courses from List D, as specified in #3 below.
2. A one-credit integrating and cohort-building seminar, ME 101: Issues in Mideast Studies
3. Additional requirement: Proficiency equivalent to six semesters of language study in any combination of Arabic, Hebrew, Persian or Turkish, provided that fourth-semester proficiency is attained in one of those languages. First speakers of one ME language are required to attain second-semester proficiency in a second ME language. Courses at the 212 level or higher in the primary ME language and at the 112 level or higher in the second and subsequent ME languages, may also be counted as electives for the major.
4. Additional requirement: At least three of the courses for the major must be at the 400-level or higher.

Contact: William Waters or Margaret Litvin

- A proposal from the Molecular Biology, Cell Biology & Biochemistry Program to revise the curriculum for its PhD program

Summary of Revisions:

1. Reduce the number of specifically required courses in molecular biology from two to one.
2. Reduce the number of specifically required courses in biochemistry from two to one.
3. Add a one-course requirement in biostatistics. A net effect of #1, #2, and #3 is to increase the number of elective credits in students' 32-credit program of formal coursework from eight to twelve.
4. Require a one-credit course, GRS MB 697, in teaching and career development.

Contact: Ulla Hansen

The Graduate Academic Affairs Committee recommends approval of the following proposed new courses:

GRS BI 697 & GRS MB 697	A Bridge to Knowledge: A Practical Seminar for First-Year Graduate Students in Biology
GRS WS 801	Theories and Methods in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

The CAS Humanities Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the following proposed new courses:

CAS AH 587	Green Design
CAS CL 306	Entheogens, Myth, and Human Consciousness
CAS LH 340	Israeli Culture through Media
CAS ME 101	Issues in Middle East Studies (<i>co-endorsed by SSCC</i>)
CAS PH 439 / GRS PH 639	Philosophy of Emotion
CAS RN 208	Sacred and Secular Power in Christianity and Islam

CAS RN 209	Religion, Health, and Medicine
CAS RN 327 E	Jews and Christians in Italy: A Historical Perspective
CAS RN 390 / GRS RN 690	Archaeology in the Holy Land

The CAS Natural Sciences Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the following proposed new courses:

CAS CH 303	Instrumental Analysis Laboratory
CAS NE 444	Neuroethology
GRS PY 745	Experimental Surface Physics and Chemistry

The CAS Social Sciences Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the following proposed new courses:

CAS AR 201	Americas Before Columbus
CAS AR 510	Proposal Writing for Social Science Research
CAS GE 560	Energy Transitions
CAS HI 213	Sacred and Secular Power in Christianity and Islam
CAS IR 505	Arms Control and Proliferation of Weapons
CAS MR 510	Marine Science Policy, Resource Management, and Public Debate
CAS PO 542	Immigration: Politics and Policy
CAS PS 550	Childhood Adversity: Risk and Resilience
CAS SO 243	Immigrant Communities