

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY MEETING

Wednesday, December 19, 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](mailto:casdean@bu.edu)) no later than noon on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 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. Motions on approval of the Kilachand Honors College Curriculum for fulfillment of specific requirements toward the CAS bachelor's degree. For full text of motions and explanations, see "Motions" document posted for this meeting at <http://www.bu.edu/cas/faculty-staff/committees-assemblies-and-meetings/arts-sciences-faculty-meetings/>.
  1. *Proposed: CAS students who successfully fulfill all requirements of the Kilachand Honors College are recognized as having fulfilled the Reading, Writing, and Research requirement of the CAS Bachelor of Arts degree program.*
  2. *Proposed: CAS students who successfully fulfill all requirements of the Kilachand Honors College are recognized as having fulfilled the General Education requirement of the CAS Bachelor of Arts degree program in three of the four CAS curricular divisions: humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, if the program of courses they choose includes one 4-credit course in each of those divisions (in addition to the sophomore, junior, and senior Kilachand courses).*
  3. *Proposed: In the case of any CAS student who, having enrolled in the Kilachand Honors College, does not complete that program, a team of three CAS faculty and staff advisors (as specified by a process developed within CAS) will determine which CAS Bachelor of Arts degree requirements the student has fulfilled through the Kilachand curriculum, and will advise the student on how to complete the CAS degree requirements in a timely way.*
3. Faculty Council Report

## Automatic Consent Business

Minutes of the October 17, 2012 Meeting

Recommendations for Approval:

The CAS Academic Policy Committee recommends approval of the following new certificate:

- A proposal from the Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Program to establish a Graduate Certificate in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

Summary of Requirements: Successful completion (B- or higher) of four graduate-level courses focused on women, gender and/or sexuality:

- a) GRS WGS 901: Theories and Methods in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies
- b) One of the interdisciplinary team-taught courses offered by the Boston-area Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies
- c) Two courses approved by the Director of Graduate Studies from graduate offerings across Boston University

In addition, candidates for the certificate must participate at least once in an annual pedagogical workshop addressing theoretical and practical concerns associated with teaching WGS. The certificate is available to all students pursuing graduate degrees at Boston University.

Contact: Carrie Preston or Deborah Belle

- A proposal from the Department of English to revise its graduate program requirements

Summary of Revisions:

- a) Replace six historical/national categories in which PhD students are required to take one course with the following three broader categories, and require two courses in each category: 1) History of the language/linguistics or medieval literature – 1660, 2) Literature in English 1660 –1860, 3) Literature in English 1860 – present.
- b) Require doctoral students to take a seminar in professional development and advanced writing that prepares them for their post-coursework careers.
- c) Reduce the number of 500-level (combined undergraduate/graduate) courses that post-MA students can count toward the PhD from two to one.

Contact: Maurice S. Lee

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

GRS EN 794 Professional Seminar

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

CAS AH 503	Art Historical Methods
CAS LS 507 & CAS LX 507	The Sounds of Spanish
CAS LS 508 & CAS LX 508	The Structure of Spanish
CAS LN 225	Tradition and Modernity in Indian Film and Literature (in English translation)
CAS LX 406	The Linguistics of Contemporary English

CAS RN 368 / GRS RN 668 American Evangelicalism

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

CAS BI 403	Cell Physiology and Structure
CAS BI 560	Systems Biology
GRS PS 843	Life Span Development
GRS ES 772	Trace Element Geochemistry

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

CAS AR 200	Heritage Matters: Introduction to Heritage Management
CAS HI 214	History of Piracy
CAS HI 294	American Evangelicalism
CAS HI 346 / GRS HI 746 & CAS IR 348	History of International Human Rights
CAS HI 377 / GRS HI 777	The Sword, the Cross, and the Crescent: Byzantium and the Near East
CAS PS 561	The Psychology of Poverty, Wealth, and Economic Inequality
CAS WS 241	Sociology of Gender

Reports to the Faculty:

The Academic Policy Committee (APC) reports final approval of the following:

1. A proposal from the BU Marine Program (BUMP) for a program leading to the BA with Honors in Marine Science
2. A proposal from the Department of Biology for a program leading to the BA with Honors in Biology
3. Review of a Kilachand Honors College freshman seminar and assignment to a CAS curricular division as follows: KHC AN 101 Humans Among Animals (social sciences)
4. A proposal from the Department of Archaeology to designate CAS AR 200: Heritage Matters for divisional studies credit in the division of social science.