COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY MEETING

March 21, 2012
4:00 PM, Room STO B50
Sherry Party to follow meeting, 5:30 PM, CAS Room 106 – everyone invited

AGENDA

[Items listed for approval on the automatic consent agenda list are fully described in documents that will be posted on the web at http://www.bu.edu/cas/faculty-staff/committees/ by 4 PM on Friday, March 16, 2012. 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 email to casdean@bu.edu no later than noon on Wednesday, March 21, to flag that item. No explanation is necessary; the item will be raised for discussion and a vote at the meeting.]

Agenda for Discussion

1. Dean’s Report. Current Major Faculty Actions:
   a. Merit Exercise
   b. Developing Faculty Recruitment Proposals for 2012/13

2. Presentation by Associate Provost Julie Sandell and Discussion on Recent Developments and Future Directions in Faculty Personnel Policies

Dr. Julie Sandell is the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs for Boston University. She is the senior officer of the University responsible to the Provost for matters involving faculty. She oversees faculty recruitment, appointment, and compensation. The Associate Provost is responsible for the promotion and tenure process for the Charles River Campus, and works closely with the University Provost on faculty policies, including those that support the University’s commitment to faculty diversity, professional development, and work-life balance. She represents the Provost in discussions with schools, colleges and University-wide groups on issues concerning the faculty. Prior to her appointment in January 2011, Sandell served as Associate Provost for Faculty Development, Chair of the Faculty Council for Boston University, and member, ex officio, of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Sandell has been a faculty member in the Boston University School of Medicine since 1991, where she holds the rank of Professor. She has been invited to discuss the major goals of the Provost with respect to faculty personnel policies, highlight some of the recent major developments, and indicate some current and future directions.

Faculty Council Report

Old Business

New Business

Automatic Consent Business

Minutes of the February 15, 2012 Meeting

Recommendations for Approval:

Academic Policy Committee

- A proposal to establish “4” as the lowest score on an Advanced Placement (AP) exam that may qualify students to receive credit toward the BA

Rationale: Approval would elevate recently achieved practice to the status of College-wide policy, consistent with academic standards in CAS and with policies at peer and above institutions nationwide.
All CAS departments that previously awarded credit for AP scores of “3” in their disciplines have proposed or agreed to begin awarding credit only for scores of 4 or 5.

- A proposal to place an upper limit of 32 on the number of credits derived from scores on AP and other like (e.g., IB) exams that may be applied to the 128-credit total for the BA

Rationale: Approval would ensure that students complete at least three-quarters of credits toward the BA through college coursework.

Contact: Susan Jackson

The APC recommends approval of the following:

- A recommendation from the University-wide Undergraduate Workflow Group to discontinue singling out Harvard Extension School as an accredited institution whose courses are automatically not considered on merits for transfer credit

Rationale: Categorical rejection of transfer credit for Harvard Extension courses dates back to 1980, when the reason given was that courses offered under those auspices are not accepted for credit toward the Harvard College BA. Whereas Harvard has its own internal reasons for maintaining that policy, a recent survey indicates that all of the following currently do consider Harvard Extension courses for transfer credit, on a course-by-course basis: Columbia, Georgetown, NYU, Northwestern, University of Maryland, University of Michigan, and University of Pennsylvania. Such consideration of individual courses by CAS departmental faculty experts would be possible, with no guarantee of outcomes, if the following clause were removed from the undergraduate bulletin: “[N]o credit will be awarded for courses taken during the academic year at the Harvard University Extension Program.”

Contact: Susan Jackson

The APC reports final approval of the following:

1. A two-part framework whereby a) department faculties in disciplines with corresponding AP exams are charged with reviewing those exams and, by June 15, 2102, either confirming or revising current policies on the award of (elective, major, minor) credit and/or advanced standing for qualifying AP scores; and b) all department and undergraduate program faculties are charged with considering proposed changes to CAS policy, which currently allows use of qualifying AP scores to fulfill general education requirements for breadth of study across the curricular divisions of the humanities, computational, natural, and social sciences.

2. Divisional Studies: A proposal to revise the social sciences divisional short list by the addition of CAS HI 190, Making History: Conflict and Community in Boston’s Past, and CAS AA 207, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

**Humanities Curriculum Committee:** Proposed new courses

- CAS LK 250  Introduction to Korean Literature (in English translation)
- CAS RN 332  Foundations of Jewish Politics

**Natural Sciences Curriculum Committee:** Proposed new courses

- CAS BI 579  Progress in Ecology, Behavior, Evolution, and Marine Biology 1
- CAS BI 580  Progress in Ecology, Behavior, Evolution, and Marine Biology 2
- CAS MA 589  Computational Statistics
- GRS MA 703  Statistical Analysis of Network Data
**Social Sciences Curriculum Committee:** Proposed new courses

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