COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY MEETING

Wednesday, October 12, 2022
3:30 – 5:00 PM
CAS 522

AGENDA

1. For Discussion: Proposal for Natural Science Laboratory Requirement
2. Faculty Council Report, Jeffrey Hughes, Professor, Astronomy
3. Dean’s Report
4. New Business

Items listed for approval on the automatic consent agenda list are fully described in documents posted on the web at http://www.bu.edu/cas/faculty-staff/cas-administrative-calendars/arts-sciences-faculty-meetings. All automatic consent items will be considered passed at the faculty meeting unless they are flagged for discussion and vote. 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 Abby Baldwin at (casdean@bu.edu) no later than noon on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, to flag that item. No explanation is necessary; the item will be raised for discussion and vote at the meeting.

Minutes of the September 28, 2022 meeting

Automatic Consent Business

Recommendations for Approval:

- A proposal from the Core Curriculum to dissolve the Minor in Core Interdisciplinary Studies (Hegis Code 1430)

Summary of Requirements and Rationale: We have created/re-titled the minor for clarification. We will keep: Hegis: 1431 Core Minor and Hegis: 1432 Minor in Core Independent Studies (replaces 1430). Since 1432 replaces 1430, we have stopped communicating the latter as an option. 1430 has attracted fewer students since
Covid (S20) as we have not been able to offer the Capstone course to complete it (CC350). We currently have 2 students in 1432.

Contact: Kyna Hamill

• A proposal from the CAS Preprofessional Advising Office, Medical Science Major, and BUSM to dissolve the Seven-Year Liberal Arts/Medical Education Program (SMED)

Summary of Requirements and Rationale: The program was initially created to help both the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Medicine attract highly qualified applicants to their schools by offering them a quicker and more direct path to medical school (without the lengthy and stressful medical school application process). In recent years, admission to both CAS and BUSM has become extremely competitive, with very large numbers of highly qualified applicants. In essence, neither school “needs” this program to meet its recruitment and enrollment goals. In addition, both schools are focused on attracting a diverse incoming student body. This program, without meaning to, tends to attract applicants who are quite uniform in their family background, socioeconomic status, and educational experiences.

Contact: Michelle Sherman and Dr. Kristen Goodell

• A proposal from the Departments of Chemistry and Physics to revise the requirements for the BA in Chemistry & Physics

Summary of Requirements and Rationale: Wish to change the organic chemistry requirement as currently in the BU Bulletin from “CH211” to “CH211 or CH203” to make it the same as all other allowed paths for the Chemistry major. It also follows that the Chemistry elective courses would allow for CH 204 (203’s following course) to be considered as an acceptable elective. This proposed change will make the Chemistry & Physics major in line with the other varieties of the Chemistry major, allowing the students to tailor the courses to their interests and strengths. This flexibility is also necessary as course scheduling conflicts between Chemistry and Physics have been noted and can be resolved by the proposed changes.

Contact: Maria Kamenestska

• A proposal from the World Languages & Literatures to revise the requirements for the Minor in Persian Cultural Studies

Summary of Requirements and Rationale: We are proposing that LZ212 4th Semester Modern Persian be counted as one of the two required courses in Persian language and literature rather than as a pre-requisite to this minor. The number of required courses will remain 6. Mainly in response to feedback from students, the proposed change would allow us to integrate the language and literature/culture courses more firmly and allow a cohort of students to go through the program smoothly. Also, the number of courses that could be applied toward this minor have been greatly reduced by the retirement of Prof. Houchang Chehabi (History/IR), and the departure of Prof. Emine Fetvaci (History of Art & Architecture) from BU. In terms of comparisons to similar minors, Arabic and Portuguese Cultural Studies allow two language courses; the case would be the same here with LZ212 and LZ311. Persian language courses at and above the 212 level also count for the Pardee School’s minors in Muslim Cultures and Muslim Societies.

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

CAS AH 363: The Arc of Russian and Ukrainian Art  
CAS EN 403: Advanced Writing of Poetry  
CAS LR 353 / CAS CI 353: Stalin’s Crimes: Gulag and Genocide

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Upcoming Meetings

**CAS Faculty Meetings**  
CAS Faculty Meetings will be held on the following Wednesday’s from 3:30 – 5:00 PM in CAS 522.

- November 2, 2022  
- November 16, 2022  
- December 7, 2022

Location to be determined for Spring Semester  
January 25, 2023  
February 8, 2023  
March 15, 2023  
April 12, 2023  
May 10, 2023 (Final Meeting)

**Council of Chairs and Directors Meetings**  
CCD Meetings will be held on the following Wednesday’s from 3:30 – 5:00 PM in CAS 522.

- October 26, 2022  
- November 30, 2022 (If Needed)

Location to be determined for Spring Semester  
February 22, 2023  
March 29, 2023  
April 26, 2023 (Final Meeting)