

Faculty Meeting Summary February 17, 2012

Dr. James Douthit, Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee, called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

The first order of business, discussion and vote on the proposal for the new degree program, B.S. Clinical Laboratory Sciences, was postponed until a quorum was reached.

Strategic Analysis of Academic Programs

J. Douthit gave a summary of the work of the Academic Prioritization Committee. He reported that members of the faculty and deans met and discussed the creation of communication plans to share information with the community and creation of a plan to share information with the Administrative Review Committee so the two committees can share information with each other. The deans will serve as liaisons. President Braveman met with them to discuss his expectations and the charge to the committee. Current plans will include the collection of information from departments, to be initiated in early April, with reports due in mid-May. The president did solicit their concerns on the work of the committee, which they shared with him. Final reports will be due to the president by November 15, 2012, to assist in budget planning for the next academic year.

2020 Plan

The second draft of the 2020 Plan was reviewed by FEC members at an earlier meeting with S. Varhus and D. Braveman. There was strong support by the faculty present for the changes made to the document – it was clearer and more focused and addressed many of the concerns that were shared with the president at the last meeting. The President will meet with CAS chairs at a meeting next week. Each school/college has been asked to give their input on the plan. The draft will be reviewed by the 2020 Steering Committee in March. The new plan addresses the issues that were in our brief. The president was appreciative of the brief; the issues obviously were listened to carefully and were considered in the plan.

B.S. in Clinical Laboratory Sciences

A quorum was reached; J. Douthit asked for discussion on the proposal for the new degree program before the vote. There being none, a vote was taken by show of hands: every faculty member except one voted yes; the motion was carried.

Initial Presentation of the BFA in Visual Communication Design

Cathy Kirby and Ron Netsky of the Art Department presented a proposal to expand the GR/ILL major into a BFA. This is not a new program but a revision to an existing program. They gave a detailed explanation of the program and how it is evolving. The GR/ILL major will be phased out eventually if the BFA is approved. The goal is to increase the emphasis on graphic design studies and augment the preparation for Visual Communication Design, which is what the profession is called today. The rationale for the change is that this is the degree of choice for most top-notch schools and many applicants today. If moved to a BFA, it will become accredited, and would have to meet the benchmarks of the rapidly evolving field, and new

disciplines such as social media, multimedia design and web design. Enrollments should expand because students are looking for a BFA. C. Kirby described why the Nazareth BFA is unique, the requirements of the program, accreditation standards and the job outlook for future graduates.

The faculty will vote on this proposal at the March 23rd Faculty Meeting.

Presentation of the BA in Legal Studies

Olena Prokopovych presented the proposal from the Department of History and Political Science. She gave a brief background of the pre-law minor, which has grown steadily in popularity among students. Last Spring the pre-law minor was discontinued and a six-course Legal Studies minor was added, but students immediately asked for a longer major. The BA attempts to build on the pre-law minor, incorporate a broader range of courses into the program and emphasize its interdisciplinary nature. No new courses are required except for senior seminar. The rationale for the major is that it will set Nazareth apart as a stand-alone major, which very few area colleges have, and will increase enrollment of the College. It will give students a broad range of graduate careers and programs to pursue and the advantage that they have a solid understanding of law and legal processes. Some career fields are: government and public policy and administration, business administration and human resources, non-profit management, advocacy and community service, healthcare administration, criminal justice and the law itself. Olena discussed the proposed curriculum, resources and budget.

The faculty will vote on this proposal at the next Faculty Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

The next faculty meeting will be Friday, March 23 at 2:30 pm in the Forum. The Tenure and Promotion Celebration will follow immediately after the meeting, at 4:00 pm.