

APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES-CAMDEN  
FEBRUARY 7, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 12:23 p.m. in room 121 Armitage Hall, Dr. Charles Jarrett, President, presiding.

1. The December 6, 2005 Faculty Senate meeting minutes were **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE** .
2. Dr. Gary Golden, Director of the Paul Robeson Library, distributed a packet of information about Information Literacy for Faculty and Administrators. Information Literacy is a three prong, web-based program on academic research that is available on line. It was noted that students entering Rutgers their freshmen year are taught Information Literacy as part of their regular studies. Two-year transfer students may need assistance from their instructors. Dr. Golden said that Information Literacy packets are available, and that he will be sending out more information.
3. Dr. Charmé, Chair of the Academic Policy Committee, distributed copies of the proposal for a Minor in Classical Studies. Dr. Fisk, who will be Director of the Classical Studies minor, explained that the interdisciplinary, multicultural minor in Classical Studies will help students acquire a well-rounded Liberal Arts education as well as supplement their major work in other humanities and social science disciplines. The minor will require 18 credits, requiring World Masterpieces, 6 credits at the 100-200 level, and 3 credits at the upper level. As interdisciplinary programs in Classical Studies become more prevalent in universities across the country, this minor will not only facilitate interdepartmental dialogue on campus but will help Rutgers-Camden gain national recognition. The Minor in Classical Studies was **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE**.  
Dr. Bill Whitlow presented two new courses for the Psychology Department that will fill present gaps in course offerings. Course 830:440 Developmental Psychopathology will cover the major psychological disorders that occur among children and adolescents. Course 830:441 Theories of Therapy describes and evaluates different theoretical approaches to psychotherapy. Both new courses were **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE**.  
Dr. Jonathan Tittler presented a new course for the Foreign Languages Department. Course 560:131-132 Intermediate Italian I and II will expand offerings in foreign languages available to all students and potentially to contribute to a European studies minor. This course will provide practice in reading, writing, listening, and speaking in Italian and review of grammar and study of significant texts. Intermediate Italian I, II courses were **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE**.
4. Dean Mary Beth Daisey presented a faculty update on the Degree Audit. She stated that this new system is moving along, and she stressed its valuable. With it, both advisors (and students) can see all prior notations on a file. Dean Daisey offered to sit down with departments to review their major requirements.

- She will send out a memo to describe in detail how the new system works.
5. The Faculty Senate reviewed a copy of Dean Palis' memo on how classes with fewer than five students will be treated as independent studies and not counted as part of faculty members' teaching loads. To compensate, faculty members will have to teach an additional course in the next academic year. Various members of the Senate pointed out that upper-division courses for their majors often have fewer than five students registered, and that students would have to postpone graduation if departments waited for larger numbers of students. There were also comments about how the Senate needs to consider this issue collectively, as well as questions as to how the new policy conforms to Section 15- Professional Duties of the collective agreement with AAUP. An ad hoc committee consisting of Dr. Rushing, Cowley, and Saidel was designated. A motion was made for the ad hoc committee and was **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

**REPORT ON ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** C. Jarrett, J. Meyer, L. Bernstein, J. Dighton, W. Saidel, L. Burke, I-M Chiu, S. Fiske, R. Habib, M. Amdur, A. Espiritu, J. Rushing, A. Shankman, L. Thomas, J. Still, H. Herrera, H. Li, M. Greipp, J. Wall, R. Cowley, K. Bezrukova, K. Thierry, J. Van Til, J. Siegel, B. Adelson, L. Garcia, J-L. Hippolyte, J. Schiavo, R. Tarbell

**Members Excused:** G. Kortsarz, J. Golden, N. Sulik, G. Caputo, K. Shienbaum, C. Singley, C. Brenner

**Members Absent:** W. Glasker

Submitted by,

Laurie Bernstein, Secretary  
Faculty Senate (AY 2005-2006)