

# UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

**January 10, 2003**

**Members Present:** Deborah Baumgold, Hilary Gerdes, Colleen Bell, Kathy Roberts, Karen Sprague, Steve Ponder, Mark Thoma, Jim Imamura, Dave Hubin, Herb Chereck, John Nicols, Wendy Mitchell, Sherri Barr, Lowell Bowditch, Paul Engelking, Craig Hickman

**Members Absent:** John Postlethwait, Malcolm Wilson

**Guests:** Kate Wagle, Ying Tan

## **Consideration of AAA Proposal**

Kate Wagle, Head of the Department of Art, Ying Tan and Craig Hickman both associate professors in multimedia design, attended the meeting to answer questions council members might have regarding the AAA proposal for the addition of a 4-year BA/BS degree option in the multimedia design program.

Currently, a 5-year bachelor of fine arts (BFA) degree is offered that includes a fifth year with a yearlong, in-depth project. There are students who would prefer a 4-year degree program that would include the coursework for the BFA, but not the fifth year project. If the 4-year BA/BS program is approved, all students will start out in it and then apply for the BFA program if they wish the practical experience associated with the fifth year. The 4-year degree would be consistent with the 4-year BA/BS art degree and would give the art department more control over the number and quality of students who take on the demanding and expensive (in faculty time) fifth year. The new program will require no extra space, and enrollment will remain at 200 students per year. The multimedia design program is new (only 2 years old) and the Art Department has only recently recognized the need for a 4-year option. The need is clear, however, and the art department would like to make this change before the program becomes well established.

The council discussed the proposal and asked the following questions:

1. Do the faculty members in Music, Journalism and Computer Science who collaborate in the current multimedia programs support this modification?
2. Will courses in the multimedia program be open to students in other majors?
3. Is the list of courses required for the multimedia BA/BS degree accurate?
4. Exactly how do the BA/BS and BFA degrees differ?
5. Are new courses included in the 4-year program? If so, descriptions should be provided.
6. What elective courses are recommended?
7. What is the content of the 3D courses? (ARTD 471, ARTD 472, ARTD 473)  
Will these courses focus on techniques or theory?

8. Are there enough continuing faculty to sustain the new program? At present, visiting faculty appear to contribute substantially.

Deborah Baumgold will contact Kate Wagle to answer these questions.

### **General Education Survey**

Each council member received a packet of 12 syllabi, 12 surveys, and the Defining Characteristics of Group-Satisfying Courses. Deborah noted that the survey has been set up so that council members can choose a “yes” or “no” response, with an explanation needed for “no” only. To carry out the general education survey, the council has divided into the two work groups listed below. Each work group will review different sets of syllabi in order to accelerate the process and keep the workload on individual council members reasonable. The 12 syllabi distributed today were given to both work groups, and will serve to test the groups’ congruence before undertaking the actual review. This test may also reveal defects in the survey that can be corrected before the real work begins. Deborah would like council members to review the 12 syllabi and return the surveys to her by January 22.

#### **Work Group 1**

#### **Work Group 2**

Colleen Bell

Sherrie Barr

Lowell Bowditch

Deborah Baumgold

Herb Chereck

Hilary Gerdes

Paul Engelking

Jim Imamura

Wendy Mitchell

John Nicols

Kathy Roberts

Steve Ponder

Karen Sprague

John Postlethwait

Mark Thoma

Malcolm Wilson

### **Next Council Meeting**

The next Undergraduate Council meeting is on January 24, in Johnson Hall Conference Room at 11:00.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50

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