

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES—FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 2018

Members Present: Larry Lombard, Avis Vidal, Bradley Smith, John Klein, Victor Figueroa, Karen Marrero, Yuson Jung, Smity Gupta, Yifan Zhang, Liette Gidlow, Fatih Celiker, Michael Belzer, Zachary Brewster, Thomas Killion

Attending: Stephanie Hartwell, Claudio Verani, Ratna Naik, Ken Jackson, Heather Dillaway, Paul Clemens, Caroline Brzuchowski, Mark Baskaran, David Cinabro

Absent with Notice: Charles Parrish, Lara Jones, Leisa Kauffmann, John Santalucia

The meeting was called to order at 9:05.

The minutes of the October 4, 2018 meeting were approved.

Heather Dillaway introduced the proposed minors in Geophysics and Geochemistry, both of which were approved.

There was a broader discussion of the overlap between some minors and majors and about whether the minor requirement was in certain cases narrowing rather than expanding students' course selections.

Brad Smith suggested that such larger issues be discussed separately from the specific minor proposals. Zach Brewster moved that rules be formulated by the Curriculum Committee regarding minors. The motion passed.

Heather Dillaway introduced the proposed minor in Humanities. Liette Gidlow asked about the History Department and its level of engagement with the proposal. Michael Belzer moved to table the proposal in light of Gidlow's concerns. That motion failed.

Avis Vidal moved to approve the Humanities minor, with the recommendation to include History after discussion with the department. The motion passed.

Stephanie Hartwell spoke of the college's Budget Advisory Committee and the meeting on November 28th regarding the new RCM budget model.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15.