

Academic Affairs Committee—September 24, 2019

Present: Steve Saunders, Dale Kocevski, Erin Sheets, Loren McClenachan, Katie Donahue, Caitrin Eaton, Lindsey Nelson, Lukas Alexander, Sam Scott, Thomas LaJoie, Russ Johnson, Jim Sloat

I. Members of the committee were introduced and new members were welcomed.

II. Russ Johnson reviewed the charge of the committee, which is to “oversee the curriculum and all academic policy”. In practice that includes reviewing proposals for new courses, approving new majors and minors, and considering possible changes to any academic policy.

III. The committee voted unanimously to elect Lukas Alexander student vice-chair of the committee.

V. The Course Proposal Subcommittee this year will be composed of Steve Saunders, Loren McClenachan, Dale Kocevski, Erin Sheets, and Caitrin Eaton.

VI. The committee reviewed some issues that had been discussed by last year’s committee, including work by the Subcommittee on Academic Scheduling, reform of policies for “Incomplete” grades and field trip policy. These will be continued and further considered by this year’s committee.

VII. New items that may appear soon on the committee’s agenda include the possibility of formally designating courses that include a significant civic engagement component. There may also be proposals for new majors and minors.

Next meeting: October 1 at 4:00 p.m. in Diamond 146.