Academic Affairs Committee—March 3, 2020

Present: Steve Saunders, Erin Sheets, Dale Kocevski, Loren McClenachan, Katie Donahue, Thomas LaJoie, Sam Scott, Genesis Cazales, Lindsey Nelson, Barbara Moore, Russ Johnson, Jim Sloat.

I. Minutes from the previous meeting (February 25) were approved.

II. Three course proposals were approved.

CH 411 (Inorganic Chemistry) changed from 3 credits to 4 credits
EC 245 (The Firm and Valuation)
PS3xx (Advanced Quantitative Analysis of Psychological Data)

III. Civic Engagement Course for Downtown residents
Russ reported that he met with Denise Bruesewitz to discuss a reformulated version of the one credit course required by all residents of the downtown residence hall. We can expect a revised version of the course proposal for CE301, addressing the concerns and suggestions of the committee, to be coming soon.

IV. Proposed changes to the Philosophy major.
The Philosophy department proposed to replace the currently required 1-credit sequence, PL401/402, with the new (approved by the AAC last week) 4-credit course, PL422. To go along with requiring PL422, they would reduce the number of required electives from seven to six, resulting in a net 1-credit decrease the major requirements. After a brief discussion, the proposal was unanimously approved.