The Senate met Tuesday, April 19th, for an hour and 45 minutes. Since it did not complete all the items on its agenda, a second session will be held on Tuesday, April 26th, at 5 p.m. in ECTR 116.

The Senate accomplished the following business (full minutes of these discussion will be distributed later).

--The Speaker reported briefly to the faculty, encouraging them to attend Commencement. He also invited Laura Lindroth (Health Educator from the Counseling and Substance Abuse Office) to assist him in reporting on the proposed Tobacco Control Policy that her office is helping the SGA to develop. She informed the Senate as to the results of a recent campus survey, in which faculty and staff indicated a general willingness to confine smoking to more limited areas and to enforce tobacco control more stringently. This policy would be offered to the Senate sometime next year, and would then be sent to the President, who would make the final decision on whether to implement it.

--The Committee on By-laws brought two proposals. The first, which would allow department chairs to serve as Senators regardless of their teaching load, was approved. The second proposal, on the duties and composition of the Faculty Educational Technology Committee was amended (changing the requirements for the makeup of the committee into recommendations) and then passed.

--The Committee on Academic Standards brought two proposals to the Senate. The first was a proposal to create a grade of XF to be used by the Honor Board when a student is convicted of certain Honor Board offenses. After much discussion, the Senate voted to remand the proposal to committee for further review. The second proposal, which clarified the College’s policy on probation and readmission for visiting Maymester and Summer Session students, was approved.

The Senate completed its April meeting on April 26th, meeting from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Here is a brief summary of the highlights, with full minutes to follow later:

--All proposals from the Curriculum Committee passed except the proposal for a self-designed major. After much discussion, the Senate voted to remand that proposal to next year’s Curriculum Committee for further consideration of the concerns that Senators had raised.

--All proposals from the Graduate Committee passed.

--Finally, the Senate approved a resolution brought by George Hopkins on implementation of the Labor Day Holiday. The Senate voted to charge the 2005-2006 Welfare Committee to study models of implementation at other schools, and to bring a report to the October Senate meeting.

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