FCAS Meeting March 15, 2013: Minutes

Time: 2 – 3 PM
Place: JCLONG 217

Attending Members:

Von Bakanic – Sociology and Anthropology
Jim Bowring - Computer Science (Chair)
María Colomina-Garrigós - Hispanic Studies
Mike Duvall - English
Martha Stackel - Library
Rhonda Swickert – Psychology

Attending ex-officio Members:

Leize Gaillard - Undergraduate Academic Services

1. The Minutes from 8 February, 2013, were approved.

2. Senior Coursework Elsewhere: Decision on language.
Members agreed on what to reply to the student asking for clarification on denial.

3. Senior Coursework Elsewhere: Decisions: 1
Members agreed to deny the petition (the student did not provide sufficient justification).

4. Foreign Languages Alternatives Issue:

Members acknowledged the e-mail from the Director of the Center for Disability Services, Ms. Deborah Mihal, asking FCAS to revise the Master List of courses approved as alternatives to the foreign language requirement (for students with certain types of disabilities). J. Bowring had not received the e-mail and that is why this was not part of the original agenda. As FCAS members started to wonder what the Committee’s role would be, V. Bakanic recalled how the criteria to select the different alternative courses to foreign languages would have students first take two courses on world culture awareness and, subsequently, two more courses focused on a particular geographical area. R. Swickert pointed out that it might be just the wording at the end of the
document that FCAS might need to revise. J. Bowring said he would contact Dr. Cherry for clarification and then Ms. Mihal to have her talk to FCAS about their role in this process.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lola Colomina-Garrigós
Secretary