CLAS Faculty Council Minutes
Thursday, December 8, 2011
150 Pugh Hall

Members absent: Susan Bluck, Ellen Martin, Matthew Mingus

John Palmer as Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The minutes of the November 10, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

The major portion of the meeting was devoted to discussion of issues emerging from the review of the draft Doctoral Program Improvement Plans prepared by the CLAS departments. This initial review at the College level by the working groups of the ad hoc joint committee comprising the members of the CLAS Faculty Council and the CLAS Associate Deans for the College’s three divisions was still ongoing at the time of the meeting. Discussion focused on procedural matters to ensure that all reports would be provided to department chairs by the promised 12/15/11 deadline, on items for inclusion in the set of general suggestions and recommendations to be circulated to all departments in addition to the suggestions and recommendations being provided on each individual report, and on general issues emerging from the process for the College and Dean to consider going forward. At 10:00 a.m., Dean D’Anieri joined the meeting, and discussion of these topics continued. Dean D’Anieri indicated that he would prepare a set of general comments highlighting issues specific to CLAS regarding graduate education to accompany submission of the departmental DPIP’s for review at the university level.

The Chair provided an update on the clarifications regarding the funding structure for the HUM 2305 and on the present level of support among the CLAS Humanities chairs for the course. The Chair brought to the Council’s attention the proposal for implementation to be brought before the University Curriculum Committee by Dr. Bernard Mair, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, at its December 20 meeting. After discussion the members of the Council unanimously agreed to forward to Dr. Mair a letter describing the history of the Council’s discussion of the course during its development over the past few years and indicating its current level of support for its proposed implementation.

The Dean provided a brief update on the College’s budgetary strategy.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.