Faculty Council  
March 13, 2000 (revised)  

Present: Bonnie Metcalf, Wayne Swindall, Kathy Fagan, Bob Jabs, Barbara Holohan, Susanne Reid, Dan Wilson, Mary Crist  

- The meeting was opened with prayer.  

- The minutes of the February 28, 2000 meeting were not available from the Faculty Council secretary.  

- The committee reviewed three proposals from the English Department.  
  1) The council reviewed the request for French and American Sign Language (ASL) to be included in the Fall 2000 schedule of classes. They were reminded that ASL was only approved to be accepted in transfer, but not as a CBU course. The council agreed that the Vice President for Academic Affairs determines the academic schedule for each semester.  

  2) A proposal for a new course for the Masters in Education with an English concentration was reviewed. The council discussed the relevance of a course in Film Theory and Asian Cinema to education. Dr. Crist was concerned that this course does not cover content taught in public high schools. She also questioned whether budget ramifications had been considered. The proposal was tabled until Dr. Crist discusses these questions with the English Department chair.  

  3) A proposal for approval to pursue the idea of a Spanish minor was reviewed. The committee discussed the need for a conversational emphasis, and the development of an initial cohort. The Faculty Council agreed that they would be supportive of the further development of the “vision” for a Spanish program as it proceeds through proper channels as outlined in the recently approved procedure for adding classes, concentrations, minors and majors.  

- Information and Announcements  

  The policy on reporting faculty absences was distributed and reviewed. Division Chairs will remind their faculty to follow the policy.