

Agenda
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Tuesday, December 2, 2008, 3:30 p.m.
Millington 150

I. Minutes of the last meeting, November 11, 2008

<http://web.wm.edu/as/dean/fas/minutes/20081111.pdf>

II. Report of Administrative Officers

Provost Feiss

Dean Strikwerda

III. Report from the Committee on Academic Status (J. Mellor)

http://web.wm.edu/as/committees/academicstatus/reports/Annual_Report_2007_2008.pdf

(Annual Report)

http://web.wm.edu/as/committees/academicstatus/reports/Academic_Report_2007_2008.pdf

(Academic Report)

IV. Report from the Committee on Degrees (Dean Phillips)

V. Report from the Study Abroad Committee (K. Slevin)

<http://web.wm.edu/as/committees/studyabroad/documents/annualreport0708.pdf>

VI. Report from the Education Policy Committee (J.C. Poutsma)

1. Approval of a new 5-year BA/MPP degree in public policy

http://web.wm.edu/as/committees/educationalpolicy/documents/accelerated_mpp_proposal.pdf

(Proposal)

http://web.wm.edu/as/committees/graduatestudies/documents/mpp_catalog_changes.pdf

(catalog changes approved by COGS)

2. Change of exam re-scheduling policy: Students will be allowed to re-schedule an exam if they have three scheduled exams in any 4 consecutive exam periods. This is a change from the current policy that allows students to re-schedule exams if they have three in a row. The change is based on the fact that there are now 3 period per day rather than 2.

3. Change in policy for allowing transfer credit for pass/fail classes taken at other institutions:

Amend the catalog (p. 54) to read (the proposed changes are in bold):

Transfer Credit

General Rules for Transfer Credit

a. A grade of “C” (2.0) or higher is required (“C-“ is not acceptable).

b. In the case of a course taken on a Pass/Fail basis, a grade of “P” is acceptable, only when the student provides a letter from the faculty member who taught the course certifying that the student’s work was at the level of C or above.

VII. Report from the Faculty Affairs Committee (M. Saha)

VIII. Report from the Faculty Assembly (E. Tracy)

IX. Discussion of Grand Challenges provided to the BOV

http://web.wm.edu/as/dean/fas/documents/Opportunities_and_Challenges.pdf