Present: Tim Strauss (Geography), Chuck Holcombe (History, Chair of the Senate), Andy Gilpin (Psychology; Vice Chair of the Senate), Ga-Young Choi (Social Work), William Henninger (SAHS), Alexandra Kogl (Political Science), Richard Featherstone (Associate Dean, alternate for Brenda Bass, Dean), Tyler O’Brien (SAC), and Captain Dan Nesdahl (Military Science)

I. Election of CSBS Senate Secretary

Dr. William Henninger will serve as the CSBS Senate Secretary for 2014-2015 academic year.

II. Department of Political Science Curricular Change

Dr. Donna Hoffman and Dr. Christopher Larimer, both from the Department of Political Science, joined the meeting to request curricular changes in the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program. They briefly explained the major changes in the program: The MPP program is moving to a two-year cohort program focusing on recruiting practitioners. The program will require 34-37 hours which can be completed in two years and two summers. The Graduate Certificate in Public Administration program will require 15 hours in the MPP program. They expect to start the new MPP program from fall 2015. The MPP is not an on-line degree but will use distance education features as the degree will be facilitated through the Distance Education department.

Dr. Andy Gilpin moved to a motion to approve the curricular change requests. Dr. Chuck Holcombe seconded. The motion approved.

Discussions: Dr. Holcombe commented that some prospective students will need to wait to apply if the MPP program becomes a two-year cohort program. The program representatives replied that they will need to work hard in marketing the program and recruiting students. Dr. Gilpin offered clerical comments on the curriculum change forms (i.e. on page 1, part III, the course number of POL AMER 5176 should be POL AMER 4176/5176).

Following the discussions, the Senate unanimously voted to approve the curricular changes.

III. Approval of minutes from Monday, April 21st and August 4th meetings.

Minutes from April 21st meeting are approved with changes and minutes from August 4th are approved without any revision.

IV. UCC Handbook Proposal

The Senate discussed some advantages of the new UCC Handbook proposal. Associate Dean Richard Featherstone commented that one of the advantages of the new proposal include more expedited curricular change as it will be in every year instead of every two years.
V. Announcement

In the next meeting, the Senate will discuss the upcoming College event, Dean’s Speech in October.

VI. Adjournment

Dr. Chuck Holcombe moved to a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Dr. Alexandra Kogl seconded. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 6th.

Respectfully submitted,

Ga-Young Choi