I. Bridges convened the meeting and ran elections for new officers. Jim Rowling (chair) and Joan Blauwkamp (secretary) were elected as this year’s officers.

II. Review of minutes of September 16, 2004. – The minutes had been approved via e-mail and were distributed to the Faculty Senate and campus.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Status of Proposal concerning BS science-related course requirements – The proposal was approved by the Faculty Senate.

Status of proposal to move Writing Intensive and Cultural Diversity course approvals to the Academic Affairs Committee – No decision has been made by Faculty Senate.

IV. New Business

Motion to accept proposals #3-7 was made by Wozniak (Bridges). Jeremy Dillon reported that the revisions to Geography programs were being made in response to their recent Academic Program Review that recommended streamlining due to retirements and resignations among the faculty, in order to make it easier for students to declare their Geography major later and still complete requirements in a timely fashion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

NUMBER, REQUEST, LEVEL, SPECIFIC REQUEST, DEGREE/ COURSE, PROGRAM/COURSE TITLE, DEPT, COL, REASON

#3, Alter, Program, Alter, B.A., Geography Major - Bachelor of Arts Option, SOC, NSS, The Geography BA Major is being altered to meet current departmental faculty resources and on recommendations associated with the 2004 Geography Academic Program Review Team Report.

#4, Alter, Program, Create, B.S., Geography Major - Bachelor of Science Environmental Option, SOC, NSS, The Geography Major is being created to meet current departmental faculty resources and on recommendations associated with the 2004 Geography Academic Program Review Team Report.
#5, Alter, Program, Alter, B.S., Geography Major - Bachelor of Science Option, SOC, NSS, The Geography BS Major is being altered to meet current departmental faculty resources and on recommendations associated with the 2004 Geography Academic Program Review Team Report.

#6, Alter, Program, Discontinue, B.S., Geography Major - Geography Comprehensive Option - Environment Emphasis, SOC, NSS, The Geography Comprehensive Option - Environment Emphasis is being discontinued to meet current departmental faculty resources, and in response to recommendations associated with the 2004 Geography Academic Program Review Team Report. As a replacement for this degree, the Geography Program is concurrently proposing a new Geography Major - Environmental Option.

#7, Alter, Program, Create, B.S., Geography Major - Geographic Information System (GIS)/Spatial Analysis Option, SOC, NSS, This major is being created to reflect current faculty resources, recommendations from the 2004 Academic Program Review Team Report and to meet growing opportunities for Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis training of and employment for graduates.

Other New Business – There was none.

Review of General Studies Council Minutes – No minutes were distributed. Director Wozniak reported that work on implementing the assessment plan continues, and the Council is preparing to consider a proposal to revise the FAH requirements.

V. Adjournment

Next Subcommittee Meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 4:00 pm in 2122 Founders Hall
Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2004 at 3:30 pm in Ockinga Center.

Respectfully submitted by
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