

Duke University
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
BOX 90088
DURHAM, NC 27708-0088

LYNN SMITH-LOVIN
ROBERT L. WILSON PROFESSOR OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

TELEPHONE: (919) 660-5786
FAX: (919) 660-5623
E-MAIL: SMITHLOVIN@SOC.DUKE.EDU

April 16, 2008

TO: Paula McClain
Chair, Academic Council

FROM: Lynn Smith-Lovin
Chair, Academic Programs Committee

RE: Annual report of APC activities for 2007-08 academic year

It is my pleasure to provide this summary of the activities of the Academic Programs Committee for the 2007-08 academic year. The members of the committee were:

David Brady (Electrical and Computer Engineering)
Tanya Chartrand (Fuqua)
David Goldstein (Center Population Genomics/Pharmacogenetics)
Trina Jones (Law School)
Hans Van Miegroet (Art, Art History & Visual Studies)
Kathleen Pryer (Biology)
Stephanie Schmitt-Grohe (Economics)
Rochelle Schwartz-Bloom (Pharmacology & Cancer Biology)
Carlo Tomasi (Computer Science)
Dean Urban (Nicholas School)
Maurice Wallace (English)

I thank the committee members for their hard work and their willingness to give generously of their time and intellectual talents.

The committee completed reviews for the following programs and departments:

- Cell Biology
- Pharmacology/Cancer Biology
- Chemistry
- Program in International Development Policy (PIDP)
- Classical Studies
- Sociology

The departments and programs whose external reviews are currently underway include:

- Physics (resolution due from ECGF soon)
- Math (visited this semester)

We are happy to report that these external reviews are being completed in a more timely manner than in the past (after an extraordinary effort to catch by the APC last year (chaired by Catherine Fisk).

The committee reviewed and approved proposed new degree programs for:

- Arts and Sciences (a fully joint Ph.D. program in German Studies with Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill)
- School of Nursing (Doctor of Nursing Practice [DNP])
- Nicholas School (Ph.D. in Coastal Systems Science and Policy)
- Pratt and Nicholas Schools (Joint Master of Environmental Management and Master of Engineering Management [MEM/MEMP])

Other activities of APC included:

- An update on the Campus Culture Initiative
- Discussion of the Duke Global Health Initiative (DGHI) strategic plan
- Discussion of proposals for the Social Science Research Institute (SSRI) and the Duke Global Health Initiative (DGHI) to make regular rank, non-tenure track faculty appointments
- Review of proposed name change from Department of Biological Anthropology and Anatomy to Department of Evolutionary Anthropology.
- Review of proposed name change of the Department of Asian and African Languages and Literature (AALL) to the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (AMES)
- Review of proposed name change for the Nicholas School for the Environment and Earth Sciences (to become the Nicholas School for the Environment)
- Evaluation of the Provost's Common Fund proposals
- Discussion of the new Duke University Postdoctoral Policy
- Discussion of the Copyright Guidelines for Electronic Course Content
- Discussion of the Graduate School budget and financial planning
- Discussion of the University's capital planning for the next six to ten years
- Discussion of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools re-accreditation process
- Discussion of planning for new central campus development
- Discussion of a proposal by the Dean of Arts and Sciences for new accelerated leaves for teaching and service
- Discussion of plans for research computing support at Duke
- Discussion of the next steps in support for interdisciplinarity at Duke
- Discussion of plans to handle digital assets at Duke and the Mellon Foundation grant to support that work

Thank you for the opportunity to report on our activities. We are grateful for your support and look forward to continuing productive collaboration in the coming year. As always, we welcome comments and suggestions from ECAC and the Academic Council regarding how APC can best represent faculty in these review and consultative processes.

