Faculty Action Sheet

At the second regular meeting of the 2016-2017 academic year on November 16, 2016 (Alumnae House), the following action was taken by the Smith College faculty:

I. The faculty voted to approve the October 26, 2016 meeting minutes.

II. The following items were recommended by the Committee on Academic Priorities and approved by the faculty:

A. New permanent courses:
   1. ARH 200 China in Expansion
   2. ENG 232 London Fog: Victorian Secrets, Sensations, and Subversions

B. Permanent topic:
   1. ARH 280 Art Historical Studies. Topic: Playing with Ink and Brush (900 CE to Present):
      A Material, Cultural and Political History of East Asian Art
   2. ARH 280 Art Historical Studies. Topic: Manga in A Thousand Years: Critical Approaches to Manga and Anime

C. Curricular items:
   1. Changes to EDC Major effective immediately (see attached)
   2. MTH 107 Statistical Thinking and SDS 107 Statistical Thinking to be dual prefixed.
   3. Students can receive credit for the following topics courses at most twice if taken with different topics:
      • CLT 100 Introduction to Comparative Literature: The Pleasures of Reading
      • SPN 230 Latin American and Peninsular Literature
      • SPN 245 Topics in Latin American and Peninsular Studies
      • SPN 246 Latin American Literature
   4. CLT 100 Introduction to Comparative Literature: The Pleasures of Reading, Topic: Cannibals, Witches, and Virgins to become writing intensive.

III. The following motions were presented by the Subcommittee on the Policy of Tenure and Promotion

A. Motion 4 Updated 2016.11.11: replace the current rubric, including "scholarship of high quality" as a criterion for promotion after 15 years, with "continued overall strong performance in the areas of scholarship, teaching, and service."

   An incidental motion was presented: that the motion on floor and all subsequent motions introduced by subcommittee at this and future meetings this academic year be conducted by clicker.
The motion passed.  
There was a motion to call the question.  
This was seconded and approved.

Motion 4 did not pass (75 votes: 21 for, 47 against, 7 abstentions).

B. Motion 5: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding unit recommendation letters, as described in item 3B: specify that unit recommendation letters at all stages of review be written and shared with the candidate.

Motion 5 passed (71 votes: 68 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions).

C. Motion 6: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding the tenure clock and medical leaves, as described in item 3C: add medical leave as an automatic reason to stop the clock, with an active opt-in to count the leave.

Motion 6 passed (70 votes: 67 for, 2 against, 1 abstention).

D. Motion 7: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding composition of the dossier, as described in item 3D: decisions as to the composition of the dossier at any stage belong to candidates undergoing review.

There was a motion to call the question.  
This motion was seconded and a majority approved, but there was not a supermajority.

There was a motion to table Motion 7.  
This motion was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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