At the seventh regular meeting of the 2016–2017 academic year on March 22, 2017 (Alumnae House), the following action was taken by the Smith College faculty:

I. The faculty voted to approve the February 22, 2017 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 233 Medieval Art on the Move: Pilgrimages and Crusades
   2. CHM 312 Polymer Chemistry
   3. ENG 258 Colonialism and Postcolonialism in Modern Irish Literature
   4. ENG 248 In Praise of Darkness: The Literature of Blindness
   5. ENG 274 The Pleasures of Not Thinking: Romanticism and the Irrational
   6. GOV 272 Conceptualizing Democracy
   7. HST 229 A World Before Race?: Ethnicity, Culture and Difference in the Middle Ages
   8. LAS 150 Introduction to Latin American Studies
   9. LAS 250 Inquiry and Interpretation in Latin American Studies
   10. LAS 310 Latin American Studies: Issues, Methods and Debates
   11. MES 100 Introduction to Middle East Studies
   12. NSC 210 Fundamentals of Neuroscience
   13. NSC/BIO 330 Research in Cellular Neurophysiology
   14. PHY 410 Capstone Physics
   15. POR 229 Brazil for All Seasons
   16. PSY 166 Introduction to the Psychology of Gender
   17. SOC 204 Statistics and Quantitative Research Methods for Sociology

B. Dual listed permanent course:
   1. RES/CLT 273 Cosmic Cold War: Russian and Western Science Fiction in Political Context

C. Permanent topics course and topics:
   1. EAL 292 Topics in Japanese Popular Culture
      • Topic: The Shōjo (Girl) in Japanese Popular Culture
      • Topic: Topic: Apocalyptic Narratives in Japanese Popular Culture

D. Permanent topics:
   1. NSC 313 Seminar in Organismal Neuroscience
      Topic: Topic: Social Neuroscience

E. Curricular items:
   1. Request from ESS to change M.S. degree requirements
   2. Request from HST to change major requirements
   3. Requests from LALS:
      • Change major requirements for Latin American Studies major
      • Eliminate minor in Latin American Studies minor
• Change in minor requirements for Latino/a Studies
4. Request from MTH to change major requirements
5. Request from SOC to change major and minor requirements
6. JUD 201 Readings in Modern Hebrew to change from 4 credits to 2 credits
7. JUD 100y Elementary Modern Hebrew to be converted to 2 semester courses
   (JUD 101 Elementary Modern Hebrew I & JUD 102 Elementary Modern Hebrew II)

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

A. Motion 19: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding tenure without promotion, as described in item 5D: eliminate the provision of tenure without promotion to Associate professor.

Motion 19 passed (73 votes: 70 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions).

B. Motion 20: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding removal for cause, as described in item 5E: specify an industry-standard definition of “cause.”

There was a motion to table Motion 20 so that faculty may review the proposed language. The motion was seconded and approved.

C. Motion 21: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding faculty participation in review processes, as described in item 6A: require approval by the provost for non-participation in any review process for long-term faculty.

Motion 21 passed (72 votes: 66 for, 5 against, 1 abstentions).

D. Motion 22: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding individual votes, as described in item 6B: in all relevant stages of review, individual letters from faculty should state explicitly how that individual voted in a unit decision.

Motion 22 passed (68 votes: 66 for, 1 against, 1 abstentions).

E. Motion 23: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding reappointment to senior lecturer, as described in item 4A: move the review and reappointment decision to the fourth year of five.

Motion 23 passed (70 votes: 69 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions).

F. Motion 24: to accept the proposed change to the T&P Policy regarding individual voting in review processes, as described in item 6A: unit members may not register a vote of “abstain” in decisions on reappointment, promotion to Associate Professor, tenure, promotion to Full Professor, or Senior Lecturer.

Motion 24 did not pass (69 votes: 29 for, 29 against, 11 abstentions).

Respectfully submitted,

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