

**Faculty Senate  
Monday, March 3, 2008 4 p.m.  
Birkeland Lounge**

Faculty Senate unanimously approved a motion brought by Core and Off-Campus Programs Committees to create a summer task force charged with considering a new academic calendar for Concordia College.

The motion, as amended, reads as follows, with the amendment underscored:

**Motion:** The Faculty Senate affirms consideration of a new academic calendar for Concordia College and authorizes the Dean of the College to appoint and to chair a summer task force to formulate a comprehensive proposal, which will be placed on the Faculty Senate agenda in September 2008. The task force will include at least one student member.

By unanimous voice vote, Senate first approved minutes of the Feb. 18 meeting and the agenda, which included consent agenda motions brought by Curriculum Committee that changed requirements for majors in Global Studies with a Worlds Dialogue track, Mathematics, and Mathematics Education.

Discussion then turned to the lone agenda item, the motion to create a summer task force to propose changes to the academic calendar.

Polly Fassinger (Sociology) asked how this motion is related to discussion earlier in the year concerning calendar changes.

Dean Mark Krejci replied that the earlier discussion concerned the daily calendar, and that the science departments were still discussing implications for lab sections. He said the summer task force could propose changes to the daily calendar as well as changes to the yearly academic calendar.

Mary Rice (Division Chair, Language, Literature and Culture/Spanish) asked how the dean would appoint task group members. Krejci replied that he would ask several division chairs to serve, and then request nominations for faculty members in each of the Exploration areas. This slate of faculty members would then be voted upon by the faculty.

Zach Kenz (SGA) asked if the task force would include student members. Krejci replied that he would ask SGA to appoint a student member who could serve during the summer. Kenz then offered an amendment, seconded by Cynthia Carver (Division Chair, Professional Programs and Communication Studies): “The task force will include at least one student member.”

The amendment carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion then returned to the motion, as amended.

Susan Larson (Chair, Psychology/SCC) asked for a member of Core or Off-Campus Programs Committees to speak to the rationale of the motion.

Maddy Burchill (German/Core Committee) said the need to examine the calendar arose when Core attempted to come up with a capstone course or experience that would be meaningful while allowing flexibility in delivery. Core decided an examination of the academic calendar was long overdue, she said. During the Core Committee’s work on revising the curriculum, it heard from several faculty from other colleges who spoke

about how their academic calendars served their curricula; Concordia has not as yet had a forum where such calendar variations could be discussed, she said.

Per Anderson (Division Chair, Global Education) said that the college has recently set goals for growth in global education that cannot be achieved without calendar change. The May Seminar program is in difficulty because of costs; we need to examine other models of global education delivery, he said, which cannot be accomplished without calendar changes. The idea, he said, is to create a calendar that would allow for various ways to create global education experiences for Concordia students.

Bryan Luther (Chair, Physics) asked if the task force would be charged with proposing changes to the daily calendar as well as the academic-year calendar. Krejci replied that they task force would examine both.

The motion, as amended, passed on unanimous voice vote.

Krejci announced a meeting of the Faculty of the Whole at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, during which the proposed changes to the Faculty Constitution will be discussed in preparation for electronic voting.

Senate adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine McMullen  
Faculty Secretary