Call to Order: Dean Quigley called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Present: Clare Dunsford, Stuart Hecht, Dennis Hale, Greg Herbers, Bill Keane, Christina Kim, Michael Martin, Tom McGuinness, Clare O’Connor, Beth Wallace, Bill Petri, David Quigley, Harry Rosser, Akua Sarr, Rein Uritam, Barb Viechnicki.

Minutes: The minutes of November 19th, 2009 were approved.

Dean’s Announcements:

Dean Quigley stated the Gasson renovation was scheduled to begin this spring. All classrooms, offices and meeting spaces would be closed adding that the reduction of classroom space would necessitate 8:00 a.m. and possibly Saturday section meetings. He also stated that the new School of Ministry and Theology building had Monday and Thursday evening classroom availability.

Dean Quigley stated that new Stokes Humanities building ground breaking was scheduled for this coming summer or early fall and should be completed during spring term or summer of 2012 for a fall 2012 opening.

Dean Quigley announced that plans are being made to reorganize the opening of the academic year next fall including changing the date of Convocation. Events would be scheduled between the Wednesday before Labor Day until classes opened Tuesday after Labor Day: Convocation could be Thursday or Friday; academic advising and the luncheon – replacing the advising dinner – would be Friday; the event for the “common text” – possibly Daniel Wolff’s How Lincoln Learned to Read – could be Friday afternoon; the MFA would be open to BC students and faculty Friday evening; Saturday would be taken up with the football game; Sunday could be declared a “University Day of Service”.

Academic Affairs Subcommittee Reports.

WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES: Akua Sarr presented the revised proposal to change the name of the “Women’s Studies” program to “Women’s and Gender Studies” noting that the revision included a full course list and a description of the Advisory board. She added that this was a strong proposal and would bring this program up to date. Dean Quigley noted that broadening the program to include gender studies and changing the name was over due. The change was approved by the full EPC.
PSYCHOLOGY B.S. IN NEUROSCIENCE: Akua Sarr passed out a one page proposal. Dean Quigley noted that while this change would take into account significant growth in research and teaching at other institutions, there remained several questions to be answered:

- Would this alter departmental focus?
- How would this impact other departments by increasing course requirements?
- How would this impact existing interdepartmental programs?
- What were the resource implications: would it require new teaching lines or increased part-time slots?

Clare O’Connor stated that a neuroscience B.S. should have a more significant biology component than proposed including BI 481, “Introduction to Neuroscience”. She added that the current proposal lacked specific course listings. She also stated that this concentration should really be interdepartmental.

Stuart Hecht asked if this had Core credit implications: would it be a social or a natural science. Clare Dunsford responded that Psychology had asked if “Introduction to Psychology” could be considered for natural science core credit stating that the deans had answered, “No.”

Dean Quigley, noting that Psychology had recently expanded the clinical concentration, it might be too soon for any new commitments.

Bill Petri noted that the proposal as written required substantial work in natural sciences. Clare O’Connor responded the proposed concentration had no lab science requirement.

Dean Quigley closed the discussion stating that these were all good questions which should be sent to department.

Honors Subcommittee Reports.

INDEPENDENT MAJOR PROPOSALS: Akua Sarr stated there were three proposals that would be considered:

- A recently completed proposal for an Irish Studies Independent Major.
- An as yet incomplete proposal for an American Studies Independent Major.
- An as yet incomplete proposal for a Hellenic Studies Major.

Dean Quigley announced there had been a request from OIP to lower the GPA requirement for study abroad. Akua Sarr stated that the current requirement was 3.2 but added that students with GPAs between 3.2 and 3.0 were reviewed case by case.

Michael Martin asked why OIP wanted to lower the requirement. Clare Dunsford responded that going abroad was considered beneficial for students and should be made as widely available as possible. Christina Kim stated that GPA can be low for a specific
reason and should be considered by the case. Greg Herbers asked if this was an EPC matter or should be decided by OIP adding that it should be considered case by case.

Harry Rosser stated that the experience in Hispanic Studies indicated that 3.0 would be fine but anything lower would present problems. Dennis Hale asked if there was any data concerning the number of students a change would effect and what GPA indicated for success of students in study abroad programs.

David Quigley closed the discussion stating that the matter should be taken up by the subcommittee.

Adjournment. Dean Quigley thanked the members for their work. Meeting was adjourned at 5:15.