

Re: Classics and COAS

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Dr. Alfred,

Good evening, I have spoken with Dean Patterson, and to answer your question, no vote was necessary among COAS faculty. The COAS Bylaws (2007) section that you referenced indicates;

*Section 4. Creating, Restructuring and Closing Departments
New academic Departments shall be created, an existing Department discontinued, or two or more merged pursuant only to the recommendation of the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences. Upon approval of the recommendation by the faculty, it shall be transmitted through the Provost and the President to the Board of Trustees for approval.*

However, that is not the only process by which such changes can be made. With respect to the Program Prioritization, the relevant mandate was provided at the Board level by Resolution directed to the administration. As such, the Board, in its capacity as the University's governing body, is acting within its authority under the University Bylaws to advance such a directive, and that directive cannot be vetoed, overruled, or otherwise reversed at the school or college level.

I further note that the Board enacted the resolution related to Prioritization after a significant amount of input (and a three year University-wide process), which included input from faculty, students, and staff, as well as the Faculty Senate, so these views were part of the record which informed the Board's decision. Thank you.

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Good morning Dr. Wutoh,

Again, I'm asking if COAS voted to recommend closing the Classics Department ?

Thank you,

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Good morning Dr. Wutoh,

As I mentioned in a previous email, Middle States doesn't require authorization to submit a complaint. Also as I mentioned in my previous email, the board approved senate constitution gives me the authority to ask for this information. Article XI, Section C. Part 5.

However, as I'm sure you are aware, the COAS board approved bylaws (Article VIII Section 4) does require a recommendation of the COAS faculty for a department to be discontinued. In fact, it states

"New academic Departments shall be created, an existing Department discontinued, or two or more merged pursuant only to the recommendation of the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences."

So again, I'm asking if there was a COAS faculty vote to recommend closing the Classics Department?

Thank you,

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Dr. Alfred,

Good evening. Just for my clarification, you found it unnecessary to consult with faculty and obtain their formal consent prior to submitting several complaints to Middle States in your capacity as Faculty Senate Chair, but you are asking Dean Patterson for some confirmation of a faculty vote to close a department that had graduated no majors in over 8 years, and will graduate 3 minors this year?

Is this a formal request from the Faculty Senate, and if so, do you have details regarding when that vote was taken? Thank you.

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Good afternoon,

I hope you all are well. I just wanted to confirm that COAS voted to close the classics department? Was there a vote in a college faculty meeting? If so, would you all mind sending us a copy of the meeting minutes?

Thank you,

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