

**Meeting with Provost Smith**  
**Wednesday, February 14, 2007, 1:00 - 2:30**

New Issues:

- Resolution of John Crammer's issue
- Academic Program Development Team
- University Curriculum Committee's Liaison Program – must be full-time faculty and not administrators – Provost should instruct Deans of this!
- Inconsistency in answers from the Office of Academic Affairs regarding the time lines in Part XIII
- Controversy that has arisen over the teaching of geometry:  
Secondary Ed students are required to take a geometry course in the Math Dept for their degree. For the last two years, Math Ed has allowed most of their majors to bypass this requirement by taking their geometry course for middle school teachers. This last fall, 16 math Ed majors bypassed the requirement and 4 took our course. When I (Gail Ratcliff) brought up this issue, the reaction was that they had the authority to make substitutions for degree requirements for their majors, and would continue to do so. It seems to me that this practice goes against our institutional approval process for degree changes. If a department can effectively bypass requirements for all or most of their majors, they can ignore the process we have in place for making these changes "official." I know there has been some communication between the two deans concerning this issue, with no resolution. - Next University Curriculum Committee meeting is February 22, 2007
- Provost's Council on Collaboration for Teacher Education
- Child Care Committee
  - John Toller as Chair, replacing Bruce Flye??
  - add Louis Warren to the group??

Follow-up on issues from previous meetings:

- English Department
  - Update on partner-hiring policy
  - # of candidates from search committees recommended to chair
- Faculty grievance issue - Steve Cerutti / Frank Romer
- Timeline for when Math Department Chair will be removed
- Discussion with Jeff Elwell
  - Communication – increasing contact hours/changing 3 hr courses to 4 hr– Curriculum/Faculty Issue
    - eliminating programs without approval
    - drafting new faculty position descriptions without faculty involvement
  - Art / Music – productivity hours
- School of Technology and Computer Science – Engineering Department
  - Engineering faculty not in agreement with math courses
  - Rogers' request to see SOIS data of math faculty
  - Ratcliff's involvement in large paying grant with the School
  - Resolution from Math faculty