The fourth scheduled meeting of the Arts and Sciences Committee on Academic Programs convened at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2004 in Holden Hall 129. Committee members present were Corbett, Curzer, Geryk, Holaday, Troyansky, von Ende, Weinberg, and Stewart (Chair). Proposal representatives attending were Dr. Richard Peterson (Geosciences), and Drs. Richard Bartsch and Dominic Casadonte (Chemistry & Biochemistry).

ASCAP voted to recommend approval of the following proposals:

Add course  
ATMO 5317  Wind Storm Hazards

Program revision  
The minor in Chemistry
Revised catalog copy for the minor will read: “The Chemistry minor shall consist of CHEM 1307, 1308, 1107, 1108 and 11 credit hours of courses at the 2000 level or higher (excluding the following courses: CHEM 2000, 2100, 2103, 2303, 3000, 4010, and 4100). At least 6 credit hours must be taken from 3000- or 4000-level chemistry courses. Two hours of laboratory course work must be included in the 11-hour total. Students who have taken organic chemistry at other institutions below the 3000 level will be required to pass a departmental organic chemistry exit exam to satisfy upper division credit hour requirements for the minor (equivalency for CHEM 3305 and/or CHEM 3306).”

Committee recommends the following points be considered upon implementation of this revised minor: (1) Students wishing to take the equivalency exam should be informed well in advance which section of the course they will be taking the exam in; (2) students should be provided alternate exam times or sections when the designated section conflicts with their scheduled final exam times; (3) some provision should be made for students to audit sessions of the course in preparation for the exam.

Committee continued its discussion of “streamlining the curriculum.” Further consideration awaits response from the A&S associate deans concerning some recommendations made by ASCAP in October.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of ASCAP is November 22 for proposals reaching committee by November 15.