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CURRICULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes for the second meeting of the 2010-2011 academic year.

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. on Monday, October 18, 2010 in Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Mundorf presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Brand, Doerner, Englander, Honhart, Jervis, Knickle, Leo, MacDonald, Misto, Mundorf, Owens; Vice Provost Beauvais; Dean Quina.

II. The Minutes of Meeting #1, September 20, 2010 were approved.

III. REPORTS – There were none

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Communication Studies

It was noted that Professor Logan had communicated to the committee that COM 455 will be resubmitted as a three-credit course for a future CAC meeting.

B. Health Studies Major

A program-wide Library Impact Statement was provided by Joanna Burkhardt after the Health Studies major was approved.

Vice-Provost Beauvais noted that OHE now requires an Assessment component for newly submitted programs. Work on this component of the Health Studies proposal is currently in progress and will be submitted to OHE once completed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. College of Arts and Sciences - Temporary Course CHN 413X

The proposal was tabled. The committee noted that the proposal was lacking a number of required details. Specifically Goals, Objectives, and outcomes were either missing or not well developed. Information on required readings was missing. Also, the schedule was overly brief. It was suggested that future revisions take into consideration the criteria listed in the New Course Proposal form, specifically:

• Learning Outcomes
• What is expected of students
• When assignments are due
• What evaluation methods will be used
• Scheduling of Quizzes and Examinations
• Grading method and how course grades will be calculated
• Instructor policies

B. Proposals submitted by the College of Arts and Sciences (September 14, 2010)

1. Film Studies Program
   ✶ Change in title and description for FLM 445 was approved.

2. Department of History
   
   Addition of the following new courses was approved.
   
   1) HIS 363
   2) HIS 387

   The committee also approved them as X-courses in order to permit to be offered in Spring 2011.

3. Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures
   
   a. Consideration of the addition of CHN 307 was tabled
   
   b. Change in number, credits and description for ITL 111 was approved.

4. Women’s Studies Program
   
   Change in requirements for major in Women’s Studies was approved.

C. College of Arts and Sciences (October 7, 2010)

Approval of items in this section was provisional pending final approval of the Curriculum Committee report by the College of Arts and Sciences. [Final approval was on October 28, 2010]

1. Department of Journalism.

   ✶ a. Change in prerequisites for the following courses was approved after some discussion and clarification.

      1) JOR 321
      2) JOR 330
      3) JOR 331
4) JOR 341
5) JOR 430

b. Deletion of JOR 230 was approved.

2. Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures
   a. Addition of a second track in Classics was approved
   b. Addition of the following new courses was tabled:
      1) CHN 320
      2) CHN 401
      3) CHN 421
      4) CHN 422

      It was noted that—to varying degrees—all proposals were lacking required detail as specified under section V A.

      In addition it was noted that a rationale for the sequencing of these courses would help the committee make an informed decision. Part of this sequencing might be that 300 level courses become prerequisites for 400 level courses. As noted earlier, resubmission was suggested incorporating the information requested in the New Course Proposal form. It was suggested that one or two of these courses could be submitted as X courses (temporary) to permit offering them in a timely manner.