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Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee
Meeting

Minutes #6

February 27, 2012

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2012 in Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Mundorf presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Brand, Covino, Doerner, Honhart, MacDonald, Misto, Mundorf, and Owens; Ms. Buss; Dean Quina; Vice Provost Beauvais. Ms. Neff from the Faculty Senate Office was also in attendance.

Guests: Deans McKinney and Ciccomascolo from the College of Human Science and Services.

II. The Minutes of 2011-12 Meeting #5, January 30, 2012 were approved as corrected.

The CAC agreed to change the order of business to consider item V, C, 1 at that time.

V. C. College of Human Science and Services

1. Following discussion, the proposal to change the name of the College to Health and Applied Human Science was approved. One abstention was recorded.

The Committee resumed its regular order of business with item III.

III. REPORTS

Ms. Grubman reported that the Graduate Council is seeking advice for reviewing online courses at the Graduate level. She explained that the online process was originally set up for undergraduate courses, but that the Graduate Council is beginning to receive proposals for online graduate courses and expressed concern about evaluating them.

Following discussion, Vice Provost Beauvais agreed to speak to Professor Petronio and Dean Killingbeck about what might be done to help the Graduate Council determine what was good online course pedagogy.

Vice Provost Beauvais explained that Mr. Petronio is replacing Professor Torrens while on sabbatical leave. She announced that Diane Goldsmith has accepted the new position of Director of Learning, Assessment, and Online Education and would begin in mid-March. She said that after the new director arrives questions about that the online advisory committee and assistant director positions would be considered.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. College of Arts and Sciences

1. Department of Mathematics

Following discussion, the proposal to offer MTH 131 online was approved.

2. Department of Political Science
Consideration of the change in level and number for PSC 288 to PSC 388 (288) and prerequisite for 388 (288) remained postponed pending receipt of additional information.

3. Department of Political Science and Women's Studies Program

Consideration of the addition of PSC 441 (or WMS 441) remained postponed pending receipt of additional information.

B. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

1. Department of Geosciences

Ms. Grubman reported said that that the College of Engineering had scheduled a meeting but she hadn't received any further information with regard to:

a. Cross-List GEO 482 with CVE 482
b. Cross-List GEO 484 with CVE 484

2. Department of Plant Sciences

Consideration of the addition of PLS 312 remained postponed pending receipt of requested information. Ms. Grubman reported that Professor Alm agreed to submit the changes before the end of the academic year.

3. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources Economics

The addition of EEC 497* was approved.

D. College of Human Science and Services

Department of Kinesiology

Ms. Grubman reported that she had received no further information about the addition of KIN 444X* and consideration by the CAC and Graduate Council remained postponed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. College of Arts & Sciences

1. Department of Economics

a. The change in title, method of instruction, description and prerequisite for ECN 445* was approved.

b. The change in curriculum for all majors was approved.

2. Department of Mathematics

Consideration of the addition of MTH 101 was postponed pending receipt of additional information.

3. Department of Psychology

Following discussion, consideration of the proposal for the establishment of a B.S. Degree in Psychology was postponed pending resolution of outstanding issues.

4. Gender and Women's Studies

C The change in title and description for WMS 365 was approved.
B. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

Department of Biological Sciences and Department of Natural Resources Sciences

a. Following discussion of reasons for proposing the course as a temporary course, the addition of BIO 485X (or NRS 485X) was approved as "Not for graduate credit" pending publication in the February 29, 2012 Temporary Course Newsletter and receipt of no significant questions or concerns.

b. The addition of BIO 485 (or NRS 485) was approved as "Not for graduate credit"

C. College of Human Science and Services

2. School of Education

The change in title, credits, description and prerequisite for EDC 429* was approved.

D. College of Nursing

The change in the minor in Thanatology was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Black Grubman

*Pending approval by the Graduate Council