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Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes #3

November 21, 2011

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2011 in Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Mundorf presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Brand, Covino, Doerner, English, Jervis, Honhart, Misto, Mundorf, Nassersharif, and Owens; Vice Provost Beauvais; Ms. Buss.

Guests: Dr. DeSchepper for the Film Media Program and Professor Sun for the Cell and Molecular Biology proposals.

II. The Minutes of 2011-12 Meeting #2, October 24, 2011 were approved as corrected.

III. REPORTS

Ms. Grubman reported that although she had followed up the last meeting with a number of requests for information, she had only received responses from Journalism and Communication Studies about the Public Relations Curricular change and the resubmission by Professor Kausch of BCH 190 to be taught online.

She said that she would remind all of the people she contacted after the first two CAC meetings that the committee's next meeting will be held on December 19 and anything after that meeting would necessarily be postponed until the spring semester.

Chairperson Mundorf noted that guests had arrived regarding items of new business and asked for and received permission to change the order of business to consider items B, 3 and C, 1 a and b before unfinished business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

B. College of Arts and Sciences

3. Film Media Program

Following discussion, the addition of the B. A. in Film Media as an undergraduate degree offered on the Providence Campus was approved.

C. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

1. Department of Cell and Molecular Biology

a. Following discussion, approval of the addition of BCH 482* was postponed pending receipt of revised learning outcomes and a due date for the paper.

b. Following discussion, the change in name of the degree to B.S. in Cell and Molecular Biology and the addition of a new track in Biochemistry were approved.

The Committee resumed its regular order of business.
IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. College of Arts and Sciences

1. Department of Art and Art History

Consideration of the change in requirements for the B.A. major in Art History remained postponed pending receipt of requested information.

2. Departments of Communication Studies and Journalism

The change in requirements for the Public Relations major was approved.

3. Department of Psychology

Ms. Grubman announced that the proposal for the addition of PSY 302 had been withdrawn because the Psychology and Computer Sciences and Statistics Department had agreed that Psychology majors could take a 400-level STA course in its place.

4. 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.

5. 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.

C. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

1. Department of Cell and Molecular Biology

The revised proposal for BCH 190 online was discussed. It was noted that although Professor Kausch had addressed some of the CAC's concerns, the question of whether the course could be offered online for General Education remained in question. The proposal was postponed pending consultation with the UCGE Committee about whether the required skills were adequately covered for general education credit.

2. Department of Geosciences

Ms. Grubman reported that the following proposals had been forwarded to the College of Engineering for consideration.
   a. Cross-List GEO 482 with CVE 482
   b. Cross-List GEO 484 with CVE 484

3. Department of Plant Sciences

Consideration of the addition of PLS 312 remained postponed pending receipt of requested information.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ms. Grubman reminded the committee that the following College of Arts and Sciences temporary Courses had been approved by electronic mail:

1. Department of Art and Art History

Addition of ART 214X

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

Addition of PSC 441X (or WMS 441X)
B. College of Arts and Sciences

1. African and African American Studies Program

The change in name of the program to Africana Studies was approved.

2. Department of Computer Science and Statistics

Consideration of the addition of the CSC 420*, 423* and 424* was postponed pending receipt of a revised more detailed syllabus with more sophisticated learning outcomes, description of laboratory assignments and clarification of the instructor.

4. Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures

Consideration of the addition of CHN 307 was postponed pending clarification as to repeatability and receipt of a more detailed syllabus.

5. Department of Political Science and African and African American Studies Program

*May require action by the Graduate Council

6. Women's Studies Program

The change in name of the program to Gender and Women's Studies and name of B.A. major and the minor was approved.

C. College of Engineering

1. Departments of Chemical Engineering and Mechanical, Industrial and Systems Engineering

Following discussion, the proposal to offer CHE 473 (or MCE 473) online was approved pending clarification of the faculty member's interaction with students.

C 2. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

a. The change in description for CVE 354 and 382 was approved.

b. The change prerequisite for CVE 354 was approved.

c. The deletion of CVE 240 and 241 was approved.

3. Departments of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Ocean Engineering

C The change title and description for CVE 483 (or OCE 483)* was approved.

D. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

2. Department of Natural Resources Science

Change in level and number, description and prerequisite for NRS 361 to 461 (361)* was approved.

E. College of Human Science and Services

School of Education

The following changes were approved pending clarification of concurrent registration requirements and summer offering issues:

a. The addition of EDC 331 and 332.

b. The change in credits, description, method of instruction and prerequisites for EDC 400* and 415*
F. College of Pharmacy “Doctor of Pharmacy Degree

1. The addition of the following courses with deletions were approved pending clarification of effective dates for additions and deletions:

*May require action by the Graduate Council

a. PHC 316 and deletion of BPS 326

b. PHC 415 and deletion of BPS 416

2. The addition of PHC 416, 515 and 516 was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Black Grubman