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Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes #2

October 24, 2011

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2011 in Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Mundorf presiding.

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

II. The Minutes of 2011-12 Meeting #1, September 26, 2011 were approved as corrected.

III. Reports

A. Previous Business: Ms. Grubman noted that two items related to previous actions by the committee were brought back for consideration.

1. The change in title for CHN 307X to "Introduction to Chinese Culture and Civilization" was approved.

2. The change in title for PHP 424 to: "Pharmacotherapy of CNS and Musculoskeletal Diseases" was approved.

B. Following discussion, the motion to approve request from Professor de Mesquita to allow the PSY 478 topic "Nonviolence Training" to be offered a fourth time failed.

C. Professor Honhart reported that the approved curriculum changes from Fisheries Animal and Veterinary Sciences had been removed from the 490th Report of the CAC at the October 20 meeting of the Faculty Senate and would be revised by Professor Bengtson and Dean Veeger in consultation with the chair of the UCGE Committee.

D. Ms. Grubman reported that a small group from the Faculty Senate Office, Enrollment Services, and Publications had begun to discuss developing a form for new curriculums and proposed changes in curriculums had asked her to invite any CAC members who would be interested to join them. Professor English agreed to represent the CAC on the group.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Online and Blended Courses Recommendation

Following discussion, the CAC agreed to include the Online and Blended Course policy as Section IV of the 491 Report of the CAC with the following definition of web-enhanced: Web-Enhanced (aka Supplemental): Less than 25% delivered online with limited or no reduction in seat time.

B. College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Psychology

Ms. Grubman reported that the addition of PSY 302 was postponed until the BS Degree proposal was under consideration.

C. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

1. Department of Cell and Molecular Biology
The request to offer MIC 422 (or MLS 422) online was approved

2. Department of Plant Sciences

Consideration of the addition of PLS 312 remained postponed.

V. New 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 was postponed pending clarification of the new requirements.

2. Department of Communication Studies

The change in prerequisite for COM 110 was approved.

3. Department of Computer Science and Statistics

a. The change in description for CSC 110 was approved.

b. The change in title and description for CSC 340 was approved.

c. The change in title for CSC 440 was approved.

4. Department of Journalism

The deletion of JOR 230 was approved.

5. Departments of Communication Studies and Journalism

Consideration of the change in requirements for the Public Relations major was postponed pending receipt of additional information.

6. Department of History

Consideration of the addition of HIS 364 was postponed pending review by the chair and anthropology faculty members of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Subsequent to the meeting, the course was endorsed by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and approved through electronic mail.

7. Department of Political Science

Consideration of the change in level and number for PSC 288 to PSC 388 (288) and prerequisite for 388 (288) was postponed pending a clearer rationale for the change in method of instruction.

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

Consideration of the addition of PSC 441 (or WMS 441) was postponed pending receipt of a more informative syllabus.

9. Women's Studies Program

The change in title for WMS 150 was approved.

B. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

1. Department of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
a. The addition of EEC 350 was approved with the recommendation that more information about grading be included in the syllabus.

b. The change in requirements for ENRE Green Markets and Sustainability Option was approved.

2. Department of Geosciences

Consideration of the proposal to cross-list GEO 482 with CVE 482 and GEO 484 with CVE 484 was postponed pending receipt of approval by the College of Engineering.

C. College of Human Science and Services

1. Department of Communicative Disorders

The change in prerequisites for CMD 272, 273, 274, 361, 375, 377, 460, *465, * and 493* was approved.

2. School of Education

The change in prerequisites for EDC 452 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, and 460 was approved.

3. Department of Kinesiology

The change in requirements for Kinesiology majors in the Physical and Health Education Teacher Education (PHETE) Program reducing graduation requirements from 134 to 130 was approved.

* May require action by the Graduate Council.

D. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

1. Department of Cell and Molecular Biology

Consideration of the proposal to offer BCH 190 online was postponed pending revisions and a reduction in the number of students to be enrolled in the course at one time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Black Grubman