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Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes #1

September 26, 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 Brand, Covino, Doerner, English, Honhart, Jervis, MacDonald, Misto, Mundorf and Owens; Vice Provost Beauvais; Dean Quina and Ms. Buss.

Guest: Professor Harper from the College of Human Science and Services.

II. The Minutes of 2010-11 Meeting #8, April 25, 2011 were approved.

III. Reports

A. Summer 2011 update: Ms. Grubman reviewed curricular matters that came up during the summer. She said that she had changed the number of credits for PSC 408 to 4 in the catalog because it has been in the PSC package the previous spring, but was not listed on the Agenda or included it in the 489 Report. She said that this action did require approval by the CAC and asked for and received a motion to change the credits for PSC 408. The motion carried.

B. New interactive course proposal forms and course change forms: Ms. Grubman asked if there were any comments or suggestions about the new forms, which had been revised over the summer. Following discussion, it was agreed to add to the section about change in credits a request the existing and proposed syllabi be attached to the course change form.

Ms. Grubman said that she would share the corrected updated forms with Dean Killingbeck and would put them on the Faculty Senate website. She said that faculty members, department chairs, deans, etc. would be informed of the changes and how to obtain the forms.

There was general agreement that the interactive forms currently posted on the Graduate Schools website would be acceptable during the 2011-12 academic year.

C. Blended Courses update: The committee discussed the proposed policy forwarded by Professor Torrens and made suggestions for modifications. It was agreed to revise the document for consideration at their next meeting, and if approved to be included for information in an upcoming CAC Report.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. College of Human Science and Services, School of Education and Department of Human Development and Family Studies

The revised Curriculum in Early Childhood Education was approved as follows:

1. The addition of HDF 420.

2. The changes in HDF 301, 303, and EDC 426 were approved with the removal of 350 as a co-requisite for EDC 426. It was further agreed to suggest that the college review the staffing plans.

3. The deletion of the requirement of HDF 302 and EDC 429 from the Early Childhood Curriculum and inclusion of the courses as electives on the student worksheets.

4. The change in prerequisite for HDF 305 and addition of HDF 305 as a requirement of the Early Childhood Curriculum.
5. The change in description and prerequisite for HDF 455 and addition of HDF 455 as a requirement of the Early Childhood Curriculum.

V. New Business

A. College of Arts and Sciences

1. Department of Music
   a. The change in title, credits, and prerequisites for MUS 169, 170, 173, 175, 177 and 179 was approved. Ms. Grubman was asked to obtain signatures for the MUS 169 proposal.

b. The change in prerequisite for MUS 339 was approved.

Ms. Grubman was asked to confirm with the department chairperson that a continuing faculty member was responsible for the courses.

2. Department of Psychology
   a. Following discussion, the addition of PSY 302 was postponed indefinitely pending approval of the degree program. Ms. Grubman was asked to check the laboratory hours, as well as explanation of what 1/3 of the grade for attendance and participation.

B. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

1. Department of Biological Science
   a. The change in prerequisite, description, and level for BIO 304 to BIO 404 (304) was approved.

2. Department of Cell and Molecular Biology
   a. The change in requirements for the Biotechnology Manufacturing option was approved.

b. The change in title and description for MIC 422* and cross-listing as MIC 422 (or MLS 422) was approved with correction of the spelling of the word “eukaryotic.”

c. The offering of MIC 422 (or MLS 422) online was approved pending more detail about projects.

3. Department of Fisheries, Animal and Veterinary Science
   a. The change in requirements for the Animal Science and Technology major was approved.

4. Department of Landscape Architecture
   a. The change in description of the minor in community planning by adding GEG 202 (or CPL 202) as an elective was approved.

5. Department of Plant Sciences
   a. Consideration of the addition of PLS 312 was postponed pending more information about the syllabus, including learning outcomes and assignments in practicum notebooks. Ms. Grubman agreed to send the syllabus guidelines to the instructor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Black Grubman

*May require action by the Graduate Council.