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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE
CURRICULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the third meeting of the 2016-2017 academic year

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2016 in Library Conference Room A, Faculty Senate Chair Sullivan presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Cardany, Dorado, English, Izenstark, King, Opaluch, Stout, Swaszek, Vice Provost Beauvais, Director Goldsmith, and Mr. John Rooney. Ms. Neff, Faculty Senate Office, was also in attendance.

The following members were absent: Professors Ferguson, Gordon, and McClure.

Faculty Senate Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. The Minutes of Meeting #2, October 24, 2016 were approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS:
A. NEW COURSES:

As no new information had been received for ISE 334, Simulation Modeling and Analysis (3 crs.), the proposal was tabled until such time as revisions were received. At the September 26, 2016, meeting, the Committee found that the syllabus listed two different prerequisites. Professor Swaszek had volunteered to contact the proposer for clarification.

The proposal for the creation of OCG 108G, Living by the Ocean was tabled until revisions have been received. At the October meeting Chairperson Sullivan volunteered to contact the proposer, regarding the lack of a reading assignment list, transportation to field trips, possible overlap with other courses, and the need for students to acquire specific software.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:
A. NEW COURSES:

The Committee considered new course proposal for AFS 105G, Food from the Sea. The proposal was approved. The General Education Committee had approved this course for acceptance as a general education course.

The Committee discussed the proposal for ENG 405, Creative Writing Capstone. The course was approved.
A proposal for **HDF 208, Health and Wellness of the Young Child** was presented to the committee. After discussion, the Committee voted to approve this course.

The Committee reviewed a proposal for **OCG 103G, Impact of Global Change on Coastal New England**. Concern was expressed regarding the similarity of OCG 103G to OCG 123. After discussion, the proposal was approved. The General Education Committee had previously approved this course for acceptance as a general education course.

The Committee discussed the proposal for the creation of **WRT 334, Science Writing** as a permanent course. The proposal was approved. The proposal will be sent to the General Education Committee for consideration as a general education course.

**B. NEW TEMPORARY COURSES:**

A proposal for **BPS 306X, Essential Pharmacokinetic Concepts** was discussed and approved by the Committee.

**C. COURSE CHANGES:**

The Committee discussed the proposal to change the prerequisite for **SOC/PSC/CCJ 476, Policy Issues in Criminal Justice**. The proposal was approved.

The Committee considered the proposal for **OCE/CVE 422, Offshore Structure Design**, to change the prerequisite and allow for graduate credit. The Committee approved the proposal, which will now be forwarded to the Graduate Council.

A proposal was presented to the Committee to change the credits, description and prerequisites for **HDF 310, Adolescent Growth and Development**. Concerns regarding the requiring of students to participate in a 3 hour per week practicum were discussed. A suggestion was made that perhaps requiring students to fulfill a specific number of hours rather than a per week quota, would accommodate students in the event they had trouble finding a placement. Professor English volunteered to contact the department and proposer. The course was approved contingent upon revisions to the description and syllabus. (See post-script)

The Committee reviewed the proposal to change the title, description, prerequisites, and add a cross-listing to **MCE 431, Computer of Mechanical Systems** to **MCE 431/ELE 457, Control Systems**. The proposal was approved; the proposal will be forwarded to the Graduate Council.

A request to change the title of **OCE 421, Marine Structure Design** to **OCE 421, Coastal Structure Design**, was considered, discussed, and approved by the Committee. The proposal will be forwarded to the Graduate Council.

**D. CONSENT ITEMS:**

The proposals from the College of Engineering to change prerequisites for the following courses were approved.
BME 464, Medical Imaging, CVE/OCE 483, Shallow Foundations, MCE 262, Statics, and MCE 455, Advanced Fluid Mechanics. The proposals for the 400-level courses will be forwarded to the Graduate Council.

The Committee approved the proposals from the College of Health Sciences requesting to change the prerequisites for the following HDF 400-level courses. HDF 400, Child Development: Advanced Course; HDF 418, Personal Finance; HDF 424, Personal Finance Applications; HDF 428, Consumer Protection; HDF 431, Family and the Elderly; HDF 432, Perspectives on Parenting; HDF 433, Family Life Education; and HDF 455, Assessment in Early Childhood. These proposals will be forwarded to the graduate school.

E. ONLINE COURSES:

The Committee discussed the proposal of NFS 212G, Public Health Nutrition to be approved as an addition to the accelerated online programs option. Ms. Neff confirmed with the Committee the need to see a syllabus when a course was proposed to be adding any online version (j-term, regular semester, summer, or accelerated), however once approved for online, no syllabus was needed to offer for a different online term. The Committee affirmed those practices and approved the proposal for NFS 212G. The proposal will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

F. PROGRAM CHANGES:

a) College of Arts and Sciences:

The Committee discussed the proposal for the listing of a Japanese minor in the University Catalog. The Committee determined that the request was not complete and that the program was proposing the creation of a new minor. Vice Provost Beauvais volunteered to work with the chair of the department. The proposal was tabled until the December meeting.

The Committee reviewed the proposal to suspend the Bachelor of Science program in Sociology. The proposal was approved with the adjustment of the elimination date of June 2022 rather than 2019.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Ms. Neff initiated a conversation regarding courses that are not approved by the Committee. She reminded the Committee that the department chairs and/or the proposer’s supervisors should also be notified. She stressed the importance of having the proposer and department notified quickly by the person who volunteered to do so. It becomes difficult to continually keep track of courses that are carried over month to month. Ms. Neff and Chairperson Sullivan suggested that non-approved courses be put on the next agenda with indications of the person who was to follow up and what the Committee requested. If the revisions were not received after one month, the course would not continue to appear on agendas, but would be maintained on a separate listing until such time the revisions were received.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Lawrence

POST-SCRIPT (Update after the 11/21/16 meeting)

1) The chair of the Human Development and Family Studies department did not accept the Committee’s suggestions for changes HDF 310, Adolescent Growth and Development, and requested to attend the December meeting. Therefore, the course was considered not approved and sent back to Committee for the December 12th meeting.