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Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee
March 6, 2014
3:10-5:00
Minutes

Present: Jan Byers-Kirsch, Teri Walker, Toni Sipic, Jeffrey Stinson, Liz Kerns, Jeff Dippmann, Suzanne Little, Ginny Blackson, Kyle Green, Lori Braunstein, LeAnne Watrous and Rose Spodobalski-Brower

Absent: Raymond Hall

Guest(s): Jeff Snedeker, Carey Gazis and Anne Egger

Meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m.

Approval of Agenda Approval of the February 6 minutes was removed from the agenda. Add February 6 log approval after #4. Jeff S moved to approve as modified. Toni seconded and agenda was approved.

Approval of 2/20/14 Minutes – Will approve at the next meeting.

Chair's Report – Jeff met with the Executive Committee last week. Talked about whether there should be both tenured and tenure track faculty on this committee. Also, let them know the committee has agreed to add associate deans as ex-officio non-voting members.

February 20 log approval – Teri moved to approve the February 20 log as amended. Suzanne seconded and log was approved. ACCT 430/530 and COM 365 are being held. AACT 430/530 issues have not been addressed. Communication Department has not responded regarding 365.

Academic Planning Director Report – Lori indicated that there are proposals going through this committee and things are being missed, like pre-requisites. The committee suggested having a hard copy the catalog would be helpful. Jeff D indicated for next year he will work to make sure everyone has a hard copy of catalog and policy. The expectation will be that everybody will bring them to every meeting. Ginny suggested searchable PDF versions of the catalog and policy.

Curriculum Forms – Moved to next meeting

Department Curriculum Committee – moved to next meeting

Syllabus discussion – moved to next meeting.

Master of Music – 3:45 p.m. - Jeff Snedeker explained why they use the vague language in the admission standards. It helps encourage students to ask additional questions so that faculty can evaluate why is appropriate. Jeff S moved to approve the Master of Music for the log. Teri seconded and program was approved for the curriculum log.

Geology BA – 4:00 p.m. Carey Gazis and Anne Egger spoke with the committee regarding the justification for the BA being over credit. The Geology department feels they hurt the degree by cutting credits. The department looked at this degree after the ATPF report indicating this was not a strong degree. They modeled the changes after the Physics BA. The only other program like this in Washington is UW and they have even more credits than this degree. Carey indicated that this degree provides a broader perspective of the sciences than a specific and in-depth like a BS degree. Toni moved to approve the Geology BA for the log. Teri seconded and motion was approved with 2 nays and 1 abstention.

Review Curriculum

Latin American Business Certificate - Hold until find out if ECON 360 is still on books. ECON 360 is an inactive course.

Geology Major BA – Approved to move forward to Faculty Senate.

Communication Department – The department addressed what was asked. Jeff S moved to move on log. Teri seconded and approved for log.

Master of Music – Approved for log.

School of Psychology EdS - Teri moved and Ginny seconded to approve for log. Motion was approved.

New courses:

PESPH 300, 358, 439, 447, 458 - Hold and wait for program change. Assessments are weak and should be sent back to department.

ABS 398 - checked as a seminar course (needs to be a lecture).

Liz moved to accept ABS 398 and COM 498 for log. Ginny seconded and motion approved.

LAS 398 – Hold, no justification for course addition and assessments are weak.

POSC 398 - Log needs to be corrected to 298. Hold and send back to department as assessments are weak.

Course change:

COM 446 – Send back to department for assessments.

Jeff S moved to approve COM 457, SPAN 310 for log. Toni seconded and courses approved to move to log.

Reactivate: MA Theatre Production (Log needs to be corrected) - Liz moved and Jeff S seconded to approve program for log. Motion approved.

COM 365 – Course is being held because department has not responded to committee request.

GEOL 476/576 - The committee is okay with this course, to put on this log.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Future Agenda Items:

Moderate Degree Proposal

Next meeting March 20, 2014 **Barge 412**