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Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee

May 6, 2010

3:10 – 5:00

Barge 304

Members Present: S. Haghghi, G. Richardson, J. Stinson, R. Bransdorfer, T. Culjak, K. Temple

Members Absent: J. Jorgensen, L. Braunstein, K. Salyer, B. Palmquist, T. Pellett

Response to FSEC Solution to Over Credit Limit for Majors

T. Culjak distributed a draft response concerning the credit limit.

The FSCC discussed requirements that would be listed and counted as part of the major. It was decided that if all requirements for graduation, (such as: minors, second majors, required certification, prerequisites, and general education requirements,) exceeds the 180 credit limit a designation in the catalog stating “Five Year Program” be mandatory. While this does not assist in reducing the time to degree problem, it does constitute truth in advertising.

The executive committee suggested that 15 credits of general education requirements be allowed in a major without being counted in the total. The curriculum committee felt because there is a choice of courses in each category except English 101 and 102, that this suggestion not be allowed. If a major required MATH 130 (gen ed) and the student took PHIL 201 (gen ed) the program requirement for the math course would not be satisfied, therefore the student would still need to take the additional credits. T. Culjak will draft a proposal allowing English 101 and 102 to be required but not counted in a major, all other gen eds listed in the program will count toward the total required credits. The FSCC also felt that if a department was allowed the 15 non-counted credits, they would increase their course requirements to reach the upper limit of 75 or 110 credits.

It was suggested that departments incorporate out-come based courses in their programs rather than credit based. Virtually all accrediting agencies are outcome-based as are professional/content area standards, and state mandated certification requirements.

T. Culjak will edit the draft for submission to the FSEC. L. Hoff will distribute it to the committee for comment.

Approval of April 15 Curriculum Summary Log – T. Culjak moved to approve the curriculum summary log, G. Richardson seconded. MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

Review of the May 6th Curriculum Summary Log.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Blanket Substitutions

Clock hours vs Credit hours

Wording for prerequisites.