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CWU Curriculum Committee Minutes - 02/06/14

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

Absent: Raymond Hall

Guest(s): Steve Schepman, Anne Egger, Heidi Henschel Pellett, Ginny Erion, Ian Loverro and Mark Perez

The meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m.

Approval of Agenda - Add IDS program prior to Geology and PESH proposals. Ginny moved to approve as amended. Toni seconded and agenda was approved as amended.

IDS - Steve Schepmann gave a brief overview of what they are doing with the IDS Social Sciences proposal and IDS 300. They have an amended strike out and clean copies of the changes and have the needed signatures. The committee decided that the information needed to be looked at by all involved prior to making a decision.

Geology proposals – 3:30 Anne Egger gave a brief overview of what the department is doing with the Geology programs. The Geology BA is overcredit. The department is putting their Earth Science teaching degree on reserve and modeling this revision after the Physics program. The revisions give the students the needed competency requirements for the exam that the earth science teachers need. It also gives them a broader areas in which they can teach other than just earth science. UW also has a similar program. There was a concern about the needed signatures not being attached. Anne agreed to send copies of those. It was also suggested that they add language about PEP. The committee did express concern about it being overcredit and suggested they take a look at ways to reduce the credits.

BA Geology
BS Geology
BS Environmental Geology

BS, Physical Education and School Health proposal 4:00 - Heidi Henschel Pellett, Ginny Erion, Mark Perez and Ian Loverro.

EFC - Ian Loverro presented Educational Foundations and Curriculum department concerns of the PESH proposal substitutions. The PEP (Professional Education Program) is the core classes for all teaching majors on campus. EFC 340 Methods of Instruction and EFC 315 Educational Assessment. All disciplines are in
assessment are lacking. The department would rather to be collaborating with
departments than just substituting courses. The EFC department works with 23
different programs.

PESH - Heidi & Mark indicated their program has a lot of standards they must meet
for accreditation. They have added extra classes, which increases the time to
graduate for students. Students are complaining about the redundancy of the
courses. They currently teach a methodology course from the health standpoint and
take the students into the schools to teach a three day unit face-to-face with
students at Ellensburg High School. The students write lesson plans and implement
those plans, they are videotaped and receive feedback.

Jeff S asked what happens to the university if we weaken EFC.

Ginny Erion, Associate Dean and currently the director of CTL indicated that the Ad
Hoc Committee would like to have the two departments meet and continue this
discussion. The first bullet in the CTL document is that each department will respect
each other and have the conversation. However, this process has not been
approved through CTL. Currently there is no signature from EFC when it comes to
course substitutions, but are sent memo of notification.

Suzanne indicated that Curriculum Committee needs to go back to the previous
recommendation to have CTL work out a process that everyone is at the table and
has voice prior to it coming to Curriculum Committee. The Curriculum Committee
wants to see the process. Passed math as a trial pending the process being
completed and don’t want to repeat the same thing.

Jeff S moved to reject the proposed substitutions in PESH proposal. Liz seconded
and motion was approved.

Jeff S moved that the Curriculum Committee request CTL to revisit their substitution
policy for EFC courses and report back to the committee by the end of winter
quarter. Suzanne seconded and motion was approved.

Curriculum MS ITAM degree. The College of Business has placed a hold on this
proposal. The CB Dean has pulled their support of the proposal. The last
communication was that the CB Dean and CEPS Dean were meeting to try and
resolve the issue. Allowing them the time to work out a solution.

Jan brought forward the issue of the hours of time it is taking to review curriculum.
There has got to be a better way. Maybe need to divide the work up. Jeff S
suggested that the committee establish meetings every week during the heaviest
curriculum time at the beginning so they can be planned in. Lori will look at
Curriculog to see if the committee can accept or reject proposals prior to the meeting
and only have to look at those that were questions in the full meeting. Suzanne
suggested that maybe the bigger proposals are reviewed by everyone versus the
course changes and proposals. It was suggested that the committee divide up into
two groups and review the curriculum prior to the meeting

Approval of 1/23/14 Minutes - Jeff s moved to approve Suzanne seconded and
minutes were approved.

Chair’s Report - None

Academic Planning Director Report - Curriculog is started.

Review Curriculum -

Finance Minor - Suzanne moved to approve and Toni seconded. Proposal is
approved for the curriculum log.

BA Public Relations, Communication Studies Specialization, Journalism and
Advertising. Any GPA requirements must be in the narrative. Jeff S approve for the
BA Public Relations, Studies Specialization, Advertising Minor & Journalism. Jan
second and were approved for the log.

Department of Communications narrative change will be placed on hold until they
add the GPA requirement into the narrative.

BA English Professional and Creative Writing: Lori indicated there are currently 64
majors in the Specialization. Jeff S moved and Teri seconded. Proposal approved
for the log.

BA Film & Video Studies, Production & Cinema Studies & Screen Writing
Specializations and Cinema Studies Minor: Jeff S moved to approve. Suzanne
seconded and proposals were approved for the log.

Geology Major BA and Environmental Geological Sciences Major BS:
Geology Major BA: Put on hold. Committee needs to see signatures and they need
to update narrative with PEP information. The committee recommend the
department reevaluate their credits.

Environmental Geology, BS: Toni moved to approve and Liz seconded. Proposal
approved for log.

BA History Social Studies Teaching and BA History large and small plan: Jeff S
moved to approve for the log with the suggestion that they clean up their asterisks.
Teri seconded and motion was approved.

Law & Justice Major and Master of Science in Law and Justice - Toni moved to
approve. Liz seconded and proposals were approved for the log.
Middle Level Mathematics & Teaching - Toni move to approve and Suzanne seconded. Proposals were approved for the log.

NEHS Clinical Physiology - Jeff S moved and Suzanne seconded to approve for the log. Motion was approved.

General Science Teaching Major, BS - Jeff S moved to approve. Toni seconded and proposal was approved for the log.

Deletion of Middle Level Math Teaching Minor - Jeff S moved to approve the deletion of the minor. Liz seconded and motion was approved.

Jeff D asked for concerns questions on the remaining courses from New courses on down on the log. If committee members have concerns, please send them to Jeff. Jeff will collate and send them out to the whole committee for final approval.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Future Agenda Items:

Pros and Cons for adding Associate Deans to Curriculum Committee
Moderate Degree Proposal

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