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College of Arts & Science
COMMITTEE ON THE CURRICULUM

Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2010

Present: Franya Berkman, Paulette Bierzychudek, Diane Crabtree, Jeff Feld-Gore, Stuart Kaplan, Tatiana Osipovich, Stephen Tufte, Rishona Zimring, Jayson Estassi, Alex Rihm, Tamara Ko, recorder.

Absent: Linda Angst, Jim Bunnelle, Julio de Paula

The meeting was convened at 4:01pm.

Minutes from March 31, 2010 were approved.

I. GETF Report

Professor Kaplan reported that the Task Force is currently reviewing and finalizing proposals, and anticipates presenting two to three of them to the Committee by semester's end.

II. Course Proposal Subcommittee

Foreign Language Department

Proposal 09.23

This proposal requires that majors of Spanish, French and German need to take at least one upper-level course on campus.

This proposal was unanimously approved.

Math Department

Proposal 09.65

This proposal changes the prerequisite of MATH 365 Complex Variables to one course instead of two.

This is a small change and requires no voting.

Proposal 09.66 – 09.67

This proposal changes prerequisites for MATH 441 and 442 by clarifying that MATH 215 is required for MATH 441 while MATH 441/225/233 are required for MATH 442.

These are small changes and require no voting.

Psychology Department

Proposal 09.96A & B

The first proposal removes the restriction of “Credit not available to students who take PSY 390 Cross-Cultural Psychology” from PSY 190 Culture, Film, and Psychology.

The second proposal removes the restriction of “Credit not available to students who take PSY 190 Culture, Film, and Psychology” from PSY 390 Cross-Cultural Psychology.

The two courses share no overlap.

These proposals were small changes and require no voting.

Proposal 09.109

This proposal prevents students who have taken PSY 350 or 355 from registering for PSY 280. If a student has already taken a 300-level course, it does not make sense for him/her to take the 280 afterward. Professor Kaplan pointed out that instructors can still waive the prerequisite requirement due to scheduling conflicts for a student. However, the issue is less about the prerequisite as opposed to the fact that PSY 350 and 355 would be more advanced than PSY 280.

Registrar Crabtree pointed out that this is really the instructor’s responsibility as there is no logistical way to enforce this rule.

This is a small change and requires no voting.

Proposal 09.110

The Psychology Department is proposing to change the catalog description of PSY 250 Behavioral Neuroscience due to the fact that a new course has been added to the curriculum. The addition of this course creates the need to readjust the curriculum of individual courses.

Professor Kaplan suggested a possible edit for Registrar Crabtree to convey; omit the term “hands-on” from the proposed description. Chair Bierzychudek suggested “practical” in its place.

This is a small change and requires no voting.

Computer Sciences Department

Proposal 09.119

This proposal removes the 200-level prerequisite from CS 393 Computer Networks so as to allow students to enroll sooner in their academic career.

This is a small change and requires no voting.

Proposal 09.120

This proposal changes the requirements for the Computer Science and Computer Science/Mathematics majors by increasing available options for fulfilling the department requirements. There is no net addition of requirements to the major.

This proposal was unanimously approved.

Physics Department

Proposal 09.122

This proposal drops PHYS 107 Chance, Determinism, Complexity, and Meaning in Science from the curriculum due to the fact that the teaching instructor has left the College.

This proposal was unanimously approved.

Religious Studies Department

Proposal 09.129

The Religious Studies Department is proposing to add a new course, RELS 341 Religions of the Northwest, to be taught alternate years. While the course content was found to be compelling, the subcommittee wondered how this new addition would affect other department offerings. They have requested additional information from the department chair.

Discussion was postponed until further clarification is received.

International Affairs Department

Proposal 09.130

This proposal allows IA 238 Political Economy of Development to be an applicable elective for the Political Economy minor.

This proposal was unanimously approved.

II. Law School Collaboration

Registrar Crabtree has spoken with Associate Dean Hunter about needing more clarification from the law school in terms of whether or not the Bar Association would allow credit from undergraduate courses to be applied toward a Law degree. Associate Dean Hunter had said that this is a worthy issue to consider and will need to schedule a meeting with the law school's associate dean.

This issue will be revisited at a later date.

III. E&D Review

The Committee is under the impression that E&D will be up for review this coming academic year. Thus it is not a problem that Director Copenhaver cannot meet with this year's Committee to discuss staffing issues. The 2010-2011 Curriculum Committee will be reviewing E&D and staffing will be a part of that discussion.

IV. GETF Proposal(s)

The GETF is proposing to meet with the Committee during finals week to present its report on general education. Some members wondered about the productivity of starting

discussion on the report so late in the current academic year. Next year's Committee will consist of new members who will be unfamiliar with the report and any discussion that takes place this year.

Chair Bierzychudek will contact Co-GETF Chair Copenhaver to inquire what the GETF is hoping to accomplish from meeting with this year's Committee.

V. Catalog Edits

Registrar Crabtree queried the Committee on the logistics for her presenting a "proposal" as there are important edits in the College Catalog that need to be addressed. Some changes are minor enough that she aims to modify them in time for fall.

Chair Bierzychudek authorized Registrar Crabtree to present any proposals she deemed needed to the Committee.

VI. Other Business

The Committee's next meeting will be on April 28, 2010. The Committee anticipates a full agenda for the last meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.