

## **University Undergraduate Curriculum**

### Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2016

*Present:* Richard Irwin (Academic Innovation), Deborah Tollefsen (A&S), Laura Snyder (CFA), Lloyd Brooks (FCBE), Karen Thurmond (Acad Advising), Lisa Beasley (Faculty Senate), Shirleatha Lee (NURS), Eddie Jacobs (ENGR), Stanley Walls (SHS), Helen Sable (PSYCH), Pilar Alcalde (Foreign Language), Judith Brown (MIS), Michael Hutchinson (KWS), Sandy Utt (JOUR), Bess Robinson (Libraries), Darla Keel (Registrar), Ryan Crews (Assistant Registrar), James Campbell (MATH) Angela Kuykendoll (Recorder)

*Absent:* Joanne Gikas (UNIV), Jennifer Nelson (EDUC), Carl Chando (ACC), Russ Deaton (ENGR), Loretta Rudd (UNIV), Melinda Jones (Honors), Thomas Banning (Faculty Senate)

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm when a quorum was achieved.

### **Minutes**

Revised version of minutes for April were distributed for approval. Deb Tollefsen moved for approval of minutes. No objections, April minutes were approved.

### **PLA**

Sandy Utt reported the committee is working to better market and communicate PLA (Prior Learning Assessment). Several programs fall under this such as CLEP exams, experiential programs. These programs are non-traditional ways of earning credit--rather than sitting in a seat in a classroom. Big upturn of incoming students who've had these types of learning experiences--like dual enrollment, etc.

### **THEC**

Calendar dates for given for THEC meetings, November 16, 2016, January 26, 2017, and May 11, 2017. Provost has asked for review and input from the council concerning THEC policy updates. General consensus is the updates need further discussion as the council is not comfortable with current proposal. Council will review and forward feedback to Angela.

### **Curriculog/Acculog Update**

Karen Thurmond provided updates for training and implementation. Training will begin this month through March. Software will help facilitate approval of curriculum proposals sent through UUC and to THEC.

### **Online Voting**

Deb Tollefsen opened discussion for the online voting process. The process does not allow for discussion if there are objections to curriculum proposals. One suggestion would be to stratify what is online and presented in meetings. Sandy Utt moved to avoid online voting; James Campbell seconded. Eddie Jacobs opposed with the idea that online voting can be done online with dialogue. Karen Thurmond commented that once Curriculog is in place, the issue could be revisited. Motion passed.

### **Curriculum Proposals**

COE- Early Childhood Education program changes to course requirements to streamline programs. James Campbell proposed MATH1530 as an option to replace current MATH1420 as a possibility. N objections, all proposals passed.

Honors Program- Proposal Name/Title change from Honors Program to Honors College. No objections, proposal passed.

School of Communication Sciences and Disorders- Some revisions, titles, courses, and course changes. No objections, proposals passed.

University College- Proposal to crosslist Emergency Management course between Earth Sciences, Public Administration, and University College (EMGT/ESCI/PADM/UNIV). No objections, proposal passed.

School of Health Studies- Request to remove a co-requisite that is no longer taught. No objections, proposal passed.

### **Final Announcements**

Discover Your Major Day was a huge success with over 1,300 attending. Emphasized “undeclared” upperclass students as well as freshmen. Surveyed sophomores and juniors online for feedback and will have data soon. Four \$250 book scholarships were awarded. The Council was urged to encourage departments to market program. First-year retention increased to 80%, four-year graduation rates surpassed 20%. ACAD, Discover Your Major Day, CARES Early Alert are helpful to this increase. Encouraged additional suggestions for identifying problems and referring students to support. Need to find ways to increase faculty participation in Early Alert.

Meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.