

University Undergraduate Curriculum

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2017

Present: Richard Irwin (Academic Innovation), Deborah Tollefsen (A&S), Karen Thurmond (Acad Advising), Carl Chando (ACC), Dot Hale, Proxy (UNIV), Laura Snyder (CFA), Charles Pierce (FCBE), Carol Danehower (Academic Affairs), Lisa Beasley, Proxy (NURS), Mary Ransdell, Proxy (EDUC), James Rodgers (Libraries), Melinda Jones (Honors), James Campbell (MATH), Loretta Rudd (UNIV), Lawrence Weiss (SHS), Judith Brown (MIS), Pilar Alcalde (Foreign Language), John Hochstein, Proxy (Faculty Senate), Michael Hutchinson (KWS), Sandy Utt (JOUR), Russ Deaton (ENGR), Darla Keel (Registrar), Becky Ward (AISS), Cody Averett, (SGA)

Absent: Eddie Jacobs (ENGR), Ryan Crews (Assistant Registrar), Shirleatha Lee (NURS), Jeffrey Marchetta (Faculty Senate), Jennifer Nelson (EDUC), Joanne Gikas (UNIV), Helen Sable (PSYCH)

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm when a quorum was achieved. Carol Danehower called the roll.

Minutes

Larry Weiss made motion to approve minutes. Minutes approved minutes for September.

By-laws Change

A portion of the UUC By-laws were distributed for review and consideration of amending. UUC By-laws can be amended at any meeting of the UUC by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

Article V on MEETINGS, Section 1: Regular Meetings currently reads:

The regular meetings of the UUC shall be held monthly during the academic semesters from September through May, unless otherwise requested by the Chair or a majority vote of the UUC. If necessary, meetings may be scheduled during summer months by the chair.

Meetings of the UUC shall be chaired by the Vice Provost, Academic Innovation and Support Services.

The amendment put forth for consideration would add “or the Vice Provost’s designee” to the final sentence. If a motion comes from the floor, this amendment may be voted on at the November meeting.

GPA Discussion

Provost has reversed the council's vote to include transfer credit. Carol Danehower suggested that the discussion of inclusive GPA might be presented to the Provost for further determination of how to move forward. James Campbell asked if the Provost could provide a written response to her objection of the council's vote to discuss and provide a possible rebuttal if the council decides to respond. Darla Keel suggested providing an example of a student's transcript that receives an academic fresh start and how that affects graduation with distinction. It was also discussed that it would be helpful to determine the Provost's stance on the use of inclusive GPA to determine graduation with distinction. James Campbell moved to table the discussion for academic fresh start and distinction. Deb Tollefsen provided a second to the motion, motion passed.

General Education

Committee has been formed with members from each college. Will meet in November and hopefully once more before the semester ends to have a tentative policy developed to govern how we handle general education in absence of TBR.

Curriculog Demonstration

Karen Thurmond reported that pilot is going well in Curriculog. Three colleges are establishing new user accounts. Special Topics and course revision are being piloted now. Was able to move two special topics successfully through Curriculog. Will ask Angela to send out form to colleges to add users to Curriculog.

Curriculum Proposals

Arts and Sciences

Deb Tollefsen presented proposals from the College of Arts & Sciences (CAS):

- Anthropology—New course, Anthropology of Organizations
- Philosophy –Title changes to two courses to better reflect content (
- Psychology –Course number change, PSYCH 3513 Psychology of Grief/Loss to 4000 level so that it may be cross-listed with 6000 graduate level course

Moved and seconded that all proposals be approved as submitted, passed with no objections.

Also from CAS, Deb Tollefsen, with assistance from James Campbell, presented a number of pre-requisite and description changes, some course close-outs from MATH. Specific course numbers are listed on the attached justification explanation and on the attached log. A proposal to delete the Actuarial Mathematics concentration (low enrollment, low student success on actuarial exams) was presented. Finally, several course changes were made to the Statistics concentration, primarily to allow the inclusion of programming and data science courses and to emphasize statistical methods course. After some discussion for clarification, it was moved and seconded that all proposals be approved as submitted, passed with no objections.

Darla Keel discussed that curriculum changes will have different timetables for when changes will be made in the catalog based on nature of changes proposed.

Richard Irwin proposed that members of the Academic Advising Network attend the meetings to keep abreast of curriculum changes to help guide academic advising.

Curriculum proposal specifics can be found in OneDrive's October folder and on the attached October log. The audio file of the meeting can be found in OneDrive's October Minutes folder.

Motion made to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.