AAC Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2009

In Attendance –
  Robert Martin – Agriculture
  Jim Thompson – FSCC
  Brad Dell – LAS
  Suzanne Hendrich – Chair
  April Katz – Design
  Sanjeev Agarwal – Business
  Greg Luecke – ME

I. Meeting called to order by Hendrich.

II. Minutes reviewed.
  A. Martin moved to approved.
  B. Dell seconded
  C. Minutes approved unanimously.

III. Thompson presented Curriculum Committee (CC) report.
  A. Hendrich asked about discrepancy about minor proposals on CC’s and
     Provost’s website. Thompson reported that this issue would be on the
     next CC meeting agenda.
  B. Hendrich suggested that there should be a clearer policy about program
     discontinuation. Thompson reported that this issue would be added to the
     next CC agenda.
    1. Katz questioned about what happens to enrolled students when a
       program is dropped.
    2. Thompson indicated that the language/plan of action for how to
       deal with displaced students is to be addressed in each proposal
       to discontinue a major.
    3. Hendrich suggested that this should be clarified and
       recommended that accommodations should be made when
       possible.
    4. Hendrich also reminded that all major discontinuation must go to
       the Board of Regents.
  C. A proposal for a new Masters of Engineering in Civil Engineering was
     discussed.
    1. This require coursework only and no thesis.
    2. CE might be a prerequisite for a professional certificate.
    3. Program was approved largely by all previous committees. On
       the college level 92.4% voted yes, 3.2% voted no and 4.4% abstained.
    4. Katz raised concern that even though there will be no need for
       additional resources allocated to accommodate these new
       degrees, they will create more work for faculty since more
       students will be added to their classes.
    5. Thompson moved to approve the degree, Martin seconded. The
       degree was approved unanimously by the AAC.
D. A proposal for a new Masters of Engineering in Information Assurance was discussed.
   1. Thompson reported that there is no program like it in Iowa.
   2. Approved by Information Assurance Faculty: 89.2% yes, 5.7% no, 5.1% abstained.
   3. Approved by the Graduate College.
   4. Luecke reported that this degree would be primarily distance learning with students taking 2 courses a semester. So, it would likely take about 2.5-3 years to complete.
   5. Thompson moved to approve; Katz seconded. The degree was approved unanimously by the AAC.

E. A proposal for a new Masters of Engineering in Material Science was discussed.
   1. Thompson reported that there is no program like it in Iowa.
   2. There is a creative component to the degree which is optional.
   3. Approved by the MSE faculty: 86% yes; 4.4% no; 8.9% abstained.
   4. Thompson moved to approve; Hendrich seconded. The degree was approved unanimously by the AAC.

F. A proposal for a new Graduate Minor in Applied Scientific Computing was discussed.
   1. Thompson reported that both the Graduate Council and the LAS council had approved it.
   2. Eventually the program might need 2 new faculty, but not necessarily and not at the start.
   3. Thompson reminded the group that because it is a minor, this new program does not have to go to the Board of Regents.
   4. Hendrich questioned the rationale of the unusually high grade point standard of a B+. Thompson indicated that this was not addressed in the proposal. Luecke questioned who would enforce the B+. Hendrich indicated that the person who administers the program would have to enforce it. Hendrich said that she would email the head of the program to ask for clarification about this issue.
   5. Hendrich moved to approve; Luecke seconded; The minor was approved unanimously by the AAC.

G. A proposal for a new Minor in Critical Studies was discussed.
   1. The minor requires 15 credits.
   2. No new faculty or new courses are required for the minor.
   3. The minor was passed by the Design College faculty. A breakdown of the vote percentages was not available.
   4. Katz reported that the minor would allow students currently enrolled in the Design college and students from other colleges to focus on theoretical and historical aspects of Art and Design.
   5. Hendrich moved to approve; Katz seconded. The minor was approved unanimously by the AAC.
H. A proposal for a new Major in Event Management was discussed.
   1. The major would require 123 credits.
   2. There are no programs like it in Iowa. In fact, there are only two
      programs like it in the country in Orlando and Las Vegas.
   3. No new faculty would be needed until the 3rd year of the
      program.
   4. ASHM faculty approved. A breakdown of the vote percentages
      was not available.
   5. A college level vote is pending.
   6. The CC approved the new major pending College approval.
   7. Hendrich moved to approve this new major pending College
      approval. Dell seconded. The degree was approved
      unanimously by the AAC pending College approval.

I. A proposal to discontinue the MS in Business Degree was discussed.
   1. Thompson reported that this degree currently has only 1 student.
   2. The proposal indicated that students prefer to pursue an MBA
      rather than the MS in Business.
   3. Agarwal moved to approve this proposal. Luecke seconded.
      The proposal was unanimously approved by the AAC.

IV. Hendrich moved to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Submitted by
Brad Dell