ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Minutes

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

2:10-3:00 P.M. - 107 LABORATORY OF MECHANICS

Attendees: Dann Naegele (ARCH), Anne Marie Fiore, Tim Bigelow (ECpE, Council Chair), Brad Skaar (Chair, Outcomes Assessment), Bill Dilla (ACCT), Bianca Zaffarano (Vet Med), L Cochran (ENE at Large), Doug Jacobson (FSCL), Ruth Lichfield (visitor, CHS)

Minutes recorder: Zaffarano

Motion to approve Minutes of Nov 29, 2016 was offered and seconded. Passed Unanimously

Committee Reports:

FS Curriculum Committee: no report

Academic Standards: No report

Outcome Assessment Committee: No report

Old Business: Transfer admissions without Associates Degree, and Summer option

Summer Trial Demographics: proposed stopping the summer option as the minimum RAI was not met. Problems cited were lack of retention, high staff time to manage a few students and lack of rigor for testing summer students. Motion to pass proposal to drop, seconded and unanimously approved.

Proposal to implement a new Baccalaureate degree program: Bachelor of Science in Nursing: RN obtained from DMACC, to finish BSN at ISU. Hired PhD RN. Program will have a nutrition focus. Program will make use of adjunct faculty and team taught classes. Proposal was initiated by Mary Greeley Hospital and DMACC. 7 Hospitals require BSN increasingly, Community Practice is practical aspect of degree, no research component. Classroom space was questioned with anticipated 200 eventual students. Motion to move proposal forward was made and seconded. Passed unanimously 7 votes, Ruth Lichfield will take vote forward to Faculty Senate.

Discontinuance of two minors in Kinesiology: minor in Sports and Recreation. Justification for discontinuance was discussed, including enrollment and poor utilization of resources. Rationale is department is moving away from this focus. Some concerns over reasons given to discontinue the minor. Minors are: sport and recreation and Minor in Coaching. Motion to approve was seconded and passed unanimously.

Pharmacology and toxicology minor was approved and passed unanimously
English Proficiency: Details of proposal for a “C” to be passing grade in English from LAS. Discussed language on proposal stating engineering is an exception when it is not and already requires a minimum C passing grade in English. Proposal moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Unfinished business:

Diversity Course Requirements: Survey was sent out; 20 courses do not wish to remain on the list or didn’t respond. Approximately 82 others who responded will stay on the list and will become the new list qualifying as Diversity courses. Discussion involved concern that faculty may not understand definitions of inclusiveness or general requirements to qualify to be on the list, and Tim Bigelow proposed a diversity fair to introduce instructors to assessment instruments to adequately evaluate a course. A “friendlier” approach to Diversity was discussed, with a proposal that those that didn’t pass could reapply to be on the listed courses. Need better definition and a proposal that would showcase how classes may fit and how to better assess them. Motion to pass proposal to drop, seconded and unanimously approved.

Brad Skaar will go to the executive board meeting next week with proposal.

Unfinished business: Proposal for University-Wide General Education List- Not discussed due to a lack of time.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.