Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Minutes
Monday Dec 15. 2014
9:00-9:50 AM
Room 107 Lab of Mechanics

Attending: Doug Jacobson (Engineering, Chair), Curt Youngs (Agriculture and Life Sciences), David Cantor (Business), Cameron Campbell (Design), Judy Strand (Graduate College), Suzanne Hendrich (Human Sciences), Gordie Miller (Liberal Arts and Sciences), Jared Danielson (Veterinary Medicine), Dave Holger (Senior Vice President and Provost’s Office), Char Hulsebus (Registrar’s Office), Diane Rupp (Registrar’s Office), Matt DeLisi (Sociology, Criminal Justice proposed major, guest)

Meeting called to order at 9:05a, adjourned at 10:00a.

Minutes from 11-17-14 were approved 7-0. Hendrich moved and Danielson seconded.

New Business:

1. New program in Criminal Justice. This undergraduate major was approved 7-0. Youngs moved and Hendrich seconded. Program sponsors were urged to obtain letters of support from related programs at University of Iowa and University of Northern Iowa before proceeding further with the approval process.

2. Communication Proficiency goals (G. Miller). It was found that a minimum grade requirement for English 150 and 250 had been removed from the LAS part of the catalog. Current degree audits in LAS include a requirement for a minimum of C- in Engl 150 and 250. FSCC discussed where this and similar requirements should appear but did not arrive at a consensus, except to note that colleges and departments need to make sure to obtain Academic Standards and Admissions Committee (ASAC) approval for special grade requirements before such requirements can be adopted and students notified through the catalog. It was suggested to review ASAC minutes that are available through the Faculty Senate committee archives to determine when/if policy changes were made about listing minimum grade requirements.

3. FSCC discussed the need for a university-level academic program planning list. FSCC chair will ask colleges at the beginning of each semester what academic program changes are in the works (new programs, program discontinuations, program name changes). A list of such proposed academic program changes will be posted on the FSCC website to facilitate communication between related programs. The need for coordination between related academic programs was discussed. It was suggested that the model of the Computer Coordinating Council was working well for those related programs, and might be effective for other related areas such as those proposing programs related to “big data”.

Old Business / updates:
1. Should students be allowed to take a minor and certificate with the same name? Draft language for modifying catalog information about undergraduate minors was discussed. It was suggested to explore modifications of current catalog information about undergraduate minors and certificates to show that majors/certificates/minors bearing the same name not be co-awarded. Hendrich will work more on draft language. This will be discussed more at subsequent FSCC meetings.

2. Organization of Curriculum-Related Information (S. Hendrich). There was no time to discuss this item.

3. Best Practices for Catalog Information (S. Hendrich). There was no time to discuss this item. Next Meeting in January to be determined.

Submitted, Suzanne Hendrich, Dec 15, 2014