Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Minutes  
Thursday, March 6, 2014  
1:10-2:00pm  
Room 107 Lab of Mechanics

Attending: J. Gillette (HS) [for S. Hendrich], B. Dilla (Bus), C. Younsgs (CALS), R. Wallace (LAS), C. Hulsebus (Registrar), J. Strand (Grad Coll.), J. Danielson (Vet Med), C. Campbell (Design), D. Holger (Associate Provost), J. Thompson (Chair)

Meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m.

Dilla moved, Gillette seconded to approve February 6, 2014 minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Thompson reported items forwarded to AAC since our last meeting: Proposals for M.S. and Ph.D. in Gerontology, Proposal to Discontinue/Merge Ph.D. Program in History. The Gerontology proposals have moved forward and are on next Tuesday’s Faculty Senate agenda. The History proposal is still pending approval.

Thompson reported on the following items of unfinished business:

- FSCC page: Header sections, length of appointments on roster, links to college committees are still incomplete. College committee chairs need to share this information with Shari Angstrom. The link to the new experimental course system from the FSCC page is operational. Wallace mentioned that there are broken links on the Registrar’s page, and that there is a need to redirect people who try to use these links to the FSCC page.
- Rob and Curt are still working on getting the form to document curriculum proposals approvals / vote tallies finished and added to the FSCC website
- The new table for curriculum approvals is complete. It needs approval from the FS executive board before it is added to the FSCC website

Holger reported on his conversation with Diana Gonzalez at the Regents’ office regarding annual college reports. The Regents value the summary tables, but would consider other suggestions to reduce the amount of detail in the reports. Wallace volunteered to work on a mockup of a revised report and have it ready for the April 3 FSCC meeting.

Youngs moved, Danielson seconded to remove the name change for the Interdepartmental Genetics Graduate Program to Genetics and Genomics from the table. The motion passed unanimously. After brief discussion, Danielson moved, Youngs seconded the motion. The motion to change the interdepartmental Genetics graduate program name to Genetics and Genomics passed unanimously.

Youngs moved, Wallace seconded to consider a request to change AGRON 110 from 0.5 fixed to 0.5-1.0 variable credits between catalogs. The motion passed unanimously. Youngs mentioned that the committee would likely be seeing similar proposals as the CALS updates its first-year program and makes orientation experiences consistent across curricula.
The committee next considered a proposal to provide a grading exception for FSHN 496A--Food Science and Human Nutrition Travel Course: International Travel to provide flexibility for these courses to assign letter grades (A-D, F) or satisfactory/fail grades (S/F), effective Summer 2014. The reason for the proposal is that learning objectives and outcomes vary considerably from program to program. Wallace moved that the committee permit this action for the summer, with a proviso to re-visit this issue during catalog editing. He withdrew the motion for lack of a second. Campbell moved and Young seconded that the FSCC send the proposal back to the FSHN department with a recommendation to develop separate course subheadings (i.e., 496A, 496C) for the graded and S/F courses. This can be implemented with a half-sheet for the summer session, and the department should make the change permanent for future semesters during the current course editing cycle. The motion passed unanimously. Thompson will inform FSHN chair Ruth MacDonald of the committee’s recommendation.

Hulsebus reported that the Registrar’s office is considering incorporating program proposals into the CIM (Leepfrog) system. The University of Northern Iowa is already doing this. The committee will discuss the topic further at its next meeting.

Youngs moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Dilla