Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee (FSCC) Minutes
Monday Oct 13, 2014
9:00-9:50 AM
Room 107 Lab of Mechanics

Attending: Doug Jacobson (ENG, Chair), Suzanne Hendrich (HS), Curt Youngs (CALS), Nick Terhall (GSB), Gordie Miller (LAS), Jared Danielson (Vet Med), David Cantor (Business), Judy Strand (Graduate College), Char Hulsebus (Registrar), Diane Rupp (Registrar), Dave Holger (SUPP), Sashi Gadia (Computer Science, guest)

Unfinished Business:

1. **S/F-Graded Combinations for Courses**

   During the FSCC meeting held on 29 Sept, 2014, a motion was passed to add travel-type courses, e.g., 495, 496, to the category of courses that can be offered as S/F – graded combination, but with the restriction that all students enrolled in a given section be graded by the same basis. D. Holger attended this meeting to express concerns with that action. There were two primary concerns. First, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), which is ISU’s accrediting body, will expect similar outcomes for the same course. Second, having the grading system vary by section is likely to confuse students. There was considerable discussion of the importance of providing flexibility in grading study abroad courses while still addressing these concerns. Following discussion, S. Hendrich moved that the prior decision be rescinded, and that the following be adopted as the policy: **Motion:** Departments wishing to provide instructors with the option of offering study abroad courses on both S/F and A-F bases should offer two different study abroad courses, each with a separate course number, one that is graded S/F and the other A-F. Danielson seconded the motion. (Vote: 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstain)

2. **Review Process for Courses from Departments Administered by Multiple Colleges.**

   D. Holger was invited to address the question of how best to review experimental courses in a way that reduces potential tension between colleges and departments, particularly in the case of programs offered across multiple colleges. Dr. Holger suggested that for curricula being jointly administered across colleges, experimental courses should be considered and approved by curriculum committees in both colleges. The committee generally approved of this idea. There was considerable additional discussion regarding the pragmatic implications of trying to orchestrate approvals across colleges, including potentially slowing the process overall. We acknowledged that this issue is of greatest relevance in disciplines that are similar across colleges, and in jointly administered programs, and that the core underlying issue continues to be identifying
the appropriate departments to consult, and ensuring consultation with those departments. We discussed the possibility of providing more guidance for those offering experimental courses regarding how to identify and consult with appropriate departments. **Action:** S. Hendricks offered to draft a statement providing guidance for consultation with relevant departments. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

**New Business:**

3. There was a brief discussion of the proposed undergraduate certification in Computing Applications. S. Hendrich moved approval of the certificate. Youngs seconded. (Vote: 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstain)

4. Approval of prior week’s minutes. Hendricks moved approval. Danielson seconded. (Vote: 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstain)

5. There was a brief discussion of the Graduate College report. Youngs moved approval, Hendrich seconded. (Vote: 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstain)

Next Meeting: Monday October 27.

Reports due:

**October 27:** CALS (C. Youngs); Design (C. Campbell); Vet Med (J. Danielson); Engineering (D. Jacobson).

**November 17:** LAS (G. Miller); Business (D. Cantor); HS (S. Hendrich)

Minutes submitted by Jared Danielson 10/14/2014