Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee (FSCC) Minutes
Monday Oct. 26, 2015
8:00-8:50 AM
Room 107 Lab of Mechanics

Attending: Suzanne Hendrich (HS), Cameron Campbell and Mark Chidister (DSN), Cole Staudt (GSB), Gordie Miller (LAS), Jared Danielson (Vet Med), Dave Cantor (Business), Doug Jacobson (Chair), Char Hulsebus (Registrar), Diane Rupp (Registrar), Judy Strand (Graduate College), Karen Zunkel (Provost’s Office)

Guest: Howard Van Auken, Business

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 am. Introductions were made.

The agenda was reviewed.

Minutes from Oct. 12 2015 were approved.

Unfinished business:

Academic Affairs Council is working on the discontinuation of Botany graduate program, and on the Entrepreneurship major.

Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the regional accrediting association authorized by US Department of Education is conducting its 10 year review of Iowa State University November 2-3, 2015. FSCC members are invited to attend the HLC site visitors committee meeting on Nov. 3, 8:40-9:15, 2030 Morrill that has the theme of integration of student learning outcomes and curriculum development, including the differentiation of graduate vs. undergraduate versions of dual-listed courses and graduate student learning outcomes. FSCC and University Outcomes Assessment Committee members and selected other individuals will attend this meeting. The session will have a Q&A format. If ISU is reaccredited, the university will provide an updated self-study after 4 years.

Experimental courses were discussed. The need for consultation with relevant academic programs and the need to remind academic unit curriculum committees and department chairs about the need to document such consultation in experimental course proposals was emphasized. A question was raised as to how to better query the catalog and existing experimental courses to determine possible overlaps in developing experimental courses; this will be discussed further at later dates. Conceptual overlap may not be clear for some areas of broad interest. It was observed that some units may feel more pressure to offer courses that are especially attractive to new students due to the university’s budget model. FSCC can review experimental course reports once courses are in the electronic system workflow. The Registrar’s office does a pre-check before such courses appear in the system. Char Hulsebus will
be providing FSCC with a monthly list of experimental courses that have entered the approval workflow, starting this month. FSCC will review accessibility of FSCC policies, such as how to file an objection to an experimental course. A recommendation was made to directly link to FSCC webpage all policies for which FSCC is the final deciding body; this will be discussed further. FSCC will also discuss the current experimental course policies in Section 10.8 of the Faculty Handbook.

College reports are due to Doug Jacobson and Sherri Angstrom by Nov. 12 for FSCC approval at the Nov. 16 meeting. More information on college reports is available on the Catalog Editing website.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 am.

Suzanne Hendrich