



Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee

Minutes for the third meeting of the 2007-2008 academic year.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2007, in Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Luebke presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Englander, Hickox, Honhart, Luebke, Koor, MacDonald, Mundorf and Robbins; Deans Libutti and Simonini. Ms. Grubman served as the Provost's designee.

GUESTS: Dean Brownell from the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor Derbyshire from the Department of Communication Studies.

Chairperson Luebke reminded the committee that consent Agenda items are labeled with a C and any member could request that a consent item be discussed. She noted that there was one item on the consent Agenda.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda item. The motion carried.

- II. The Minutes of Meeting #2, October 29, 2007 were approved with a correction to the meeting number. The heading to read:

Minutes for the second meeting of the 2007-2008 academic year.

III. REPORTS

- A. Chairperson Luebke reported that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee had removed the HDF courses approved at October 29, 2007 meeting from the 454th Report of the CAC. She said that she and Professor Branch met with the FSEC to discuss the issues related to the action. At the conclusion of the meeting the FSEC agreed that the courses would appear in the next report of the CAC.
- B. Ms. Grubman noted that there were concerns raised by the NEASC Accreditation Team about URI's 4-year rule and she wanted the CAC to be aware of them. She said that she had also included the UNIVERSITY MANUAL provision on suspended courses to be considered as a possible option for resolving the disparity between the NEASC 2-year requirement and URI's 4-year rule.

- C. Chairperson Luebke gave a progress report on the status of efforts to distribute curricular materials electronically.
- D. The Committee discussed Professor Derbyshire's memorandum asking for clarification of the appropriate curricular process for departments wishing to set enrollment preferences for courses.

Following discussion, it was agreed that permitting students from other majors to enroll in courses or holding seats vacant for different levels of students is not changing prerequisites and would not require approval through the curricular process. The CAC agreed however, that restricting admissions to a specific group or groups or requiring previous coursework does change prerequisites and would require curricular approval.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. College of Arts and Sciences (Memorandum of April 9, 2007 enclosed with Agenda for Meeting #1)

Department of Music

The change in method of instruction for MUS 121, MUS 225 and MUS 227 remained postponed.

- B. College of Arts and Sciences (Items tabled in 2006-07)

- 1. Department of Communication Studies

The addition of COM 410* was approved

- 2. Department of Mathematics

Ms. Grubman reported that a proposal for the addition of MTH 445* had been postponed since the previous academic year and that the Chair of the Department of Mathematics had been asked to respond to questions about the proposal.

- C. College of Arts and Sciences (Series A Report enclosed with Agenda for Meeting #1)

Following discussion, the proposal for a School of Communication was approved.

- D. College of Arts and Sciences (memorandum dated September 20, 2007 enclosed with Agenda for Meeting #2)

*May require action by the Graduate Council.

1. Departments of Political Science and Sociology (Proposal #5)

The change in prerequisite for PSC 274 (or SOC 274) remained postponed pending response by the relevant departments.

2. College Writing Program (proposal #16)

The change in prerequisite for WRT 270 remained postponed pending response by the relevant department.

E. College of Human Science and Services

1. Department of Human Development and Family Studies (memorandum and enclosures with Agenda for Meeting #2)

The addition of HDF 416 remained postponed from the previous meeting because no additional information had been forthcoming.

2. Department of Kinesiology (enclosure)

The change in curriculum requirements for KIN majors, inadvertently left off the October 29 Agenda, was approved.

F. College of Pharmacy - Doctor of Pharmacy

The changes in curricular requirements remained postponed.

G. The proposal to approve WMS 360 for online instruction remained postponed pending receipt of additional information.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. College of the Environment and Life Sciences - Temporary Course

Department of Plant Sciences

The addition of PLS 324X was approved.

B. College of Arts and Sciences (memorandum dated October 18, 2007 enclosed)

1. Department of Communication Studies (proposal #19)

The addition of COM 110 was approved.

2. Department of Music (proposals #20, #21 and #22)

a. The addition of MUS 341 was approved.

b. The change in credits and description for MUS 235 was approved.

- c. The change in curriculum for the Music Education degree program was approved.
- C. College of the Environment and Life Sciences (enclosure)
 - Department of Community Planning and Landscape Architecture
 - The change in name of the department to Landscape Architecture was approved.
- D. College of Human Science and Services (memorandum dated October 31, 2007 and enclosures)
 - 1. School of Education
 - a. The addition of permanent topics for EDC 478* and EDC 479* was approved.
 - b. The change in description and prerequisite for EDC 430* was approved.
 - 2. Department of Human Development and Family Studies
 - C. The change in description for HDF 298 was approved.
 - 3. Department of Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design
 - a. Although the change in curriculum for TM majors was approved, the item was held in abeyance at the request of the College of Business Administration.
 - b. Although the change in title and description for TMD 432* was approved, the item was held in abeyance at the request of the College of Business Administration.
 - c. Consideration of the addition of TMD 126 was pending receipt of a more complete syllabus.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Black Grubman

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