Curriculum Committee Minutes   College of Liberal Arts Minutes and Reports

9-19-2017

Minutes, Curriculum Committee Meeting, Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Curriculum Committee

Date: 9/19/2017
Location: Bush 176

Attendees:

☑ Josh Almond (Chair) ☑ James Patrone (Sec.) ☑ Mattea Garcia ☑ Gloria Cook

☐ Laura Pfister ☑ Mario D' Amato ☑ Emily Russell ☑ Robin Mateo

☑ Jamey Ray ☐ Nancy Niles ☑ Nick Houndonougbo ☑ Dan Chong

☑ Andrew Phillips ☑ Jonathan Harwell ☐ Stephen Booker ☑ Tiffany Griffin

☐ Maribeth Huebner ☐ Mae Fitchett ☑ Tonia Warnecke ☑ Barry Allen

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Agenda/Discussion

1. Approve minutes from the August 29 and September 14, 2017 meetings
   a. Motion to approve minutes from 8/29 and 9/14/2017 meetings
   b. DECISION: APPROVED (10-0-0)
2. Sub-committee announcements and/or reports
   a. New Course Committee (G. Cook)
      i. 17 new course proposal
   b. Academic Appeals Committee
      i. Not met yet
   c. International Committee
      i. No report – 1st meeting today
   d. EC report
      i. Suggestion voted against in EC
      ii. Went with original plan
      iii. Need a better procedure for emergency changes to academic calendar
         1. Ask EC for clarification
3. New business
   a. Social Innovation Major proposal (Dan Chong, Tonia Warnecke, and Barry Allen).
      i. Goal was to make the major more broad based
         1. Add more in regards social and environmental sustainability
         2. Solve social problems that do not fit within 1 specific major
         3. Helps generate T-shaped students with breadth and depth in complex social problems
            a. Allows flexibility in class choice for student based on global issues that interest student
         4. Faculty from 15/16 departments have shown interest in participating
         5. Student Survey – 120 responses with interest for new major
            a. Most interested in double major or minor
         6. 2 new Courses
            a. New course in non-profit business
         7. Questions
            a. How with this affect public policy major?

                 i. Loved to have more courses offered from the major
- b. Are there other schools that offer this major at undergraduate level?
    - i. Yes this major tends to be in various locations at other institutions
- c. How do you sell to parents/consumers?
    - i. Employers are focused more on skill and quality vs name of major
- d. Has most experiential learning than any other major on campus
- e. If major is approved may have issue with needing faculty with terminal degree in major
- f. Courses are 100 and 200 will that lead to disparity in skill level?
    - i. Potentially but student choice is important
- g. What about electives with pre-reqs? Student s will have more courses?
    - i. Best answer is to provide the most options possible
- h. Any thought to minimum grade or GPA in core courses?
    - i. No yet but are open to it

8. Motion to approve the major Social Innovation
    - a. DECISION: APPROVED (10-0-0)
  b. Continued discussion of RFLA changes (Emily Russell).
    - i. Focus of colloquia
        1. Double dipping
        2. Bringing back ethics
        3. Going to 1 Neighborhood
    - ii. Goal – Oct 10 have 2-3 models to present to faculty
        1. Address Student choice, staffing, and reasoning
    - iii. What is a 1 Neighborhood Model?
        1. Is the change too big?
        2. Should we wait for report?
        3. 3 neighborhoods with 2 crossovers?
    - iv. Separate structure of how many neighborhoods from the themes, which can be addressed later
4. Old Business (none)
5. Announcements
6. Adjourn
    - a. Motion to adjourn