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Academic Affairs Committee

Meeting minutes
April 24, 2012

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee was called to order at 12:34 p.m. in the Chapel Classroom #2 by Gloria Cook

Present:

Gloria Cook, Jana Mathews, Sebastian Novak, Maria Ruiz, Nancy Decker, Samuel Sanabria, and Susan Walsh

Visitors:

Jennifer Cavanaugh, Robin Mateo

A. New Business (4 items)

Student Appeal

Jennifer explained the appeal process to the Committee and gave a brief history about this particular student appeal, which has gone through all the proper channels. In most cases, a dispute regarding a grade is resolved between the faculty member and the department Chair. However, this particular faculty has since retired and has discarded all his class records. The point of contention is the 30 points from the student's participation and notebook grade. Nancy did some calculation and agrees that the notebook grade is what we need to look at. Jenny informed the Committee that this student has only missed three classes and has been very persistent about her appeal. The Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding her email exchanges with the Chair and the faculty member. Because of the lack of information to support the current notebook grade, Gloria made a motion to change her grade from a D+ to a C-. The motion was passed by six votes with one abstention.

B. Faculty Advisory Committee on Online Registration

Eileen Gregory has suggested to Jenny that AAC should form a Faculty Advisory Committee for registration. Robin Mateo added that she would really like to have faculty and students to test Degree Work this summer. Nancy felt that the faculty had more control over student course selection with the old structure. This change has made it difficult for faculty to keep track of their advisees. It is also important for the advisory committee to work with RCC professors. Nancy felt strongly that faculty should be more involved with registration, if advising is put in the forefront. Jana suggested the AAC should ask James Zimmerman's appreciative advising group for help.

Gloria agreed to report this suggestion to EC.

C. Discussion on Dual Enrollment Degree

AAC received the following email from Nancy:

Two representatives of the European School of Business in Reutlingen visited Rollins April 16/17 in the hopes of establishing an agreement with Rollins to offer a dual degree program. (other US partners: Drexel, NCState, Northeastern, Elon.) Elon's website for the dual degree program: <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/admissions/majorsheets/dualbusiness.xhtml>. Students who choose this degree program, study for two years at Rollins and two years at ESB Business School in Reutlingen which is part of the International Partnership of Business Schools (IPBS) in the following countries: USA, Mexico, UK, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain. This proposal for a dual degree program is truly an interdisciplinary program since INB is in CPS and the modern languages is in A&S. INB is the host to the program but needs support from modern languages. The dual degree program will need to go through governance in CPS but has not been vetted yet. The hope is to initiate this partnership with Germany and to explore the option of allowing students who are prepared linguistically to pursue similar possibilities in Mexico, France, Spain, etc. The students complete all the graduation requirements for both Rollins and ESB-Reutlingen and are awarded a B.A. from Rollins and a B.Sc. in International Management from ESB after four years.

1st semester	Rollins	5th semester	Reutlingen
2nd semester	Rollins	6th semester	Internship in D
3rd semester	Rollins	7th semester	Reutlingen
4th semester	Rollins	8th semester	Rollins

Similarly student in Reutlingen would spend the first four semesters at their home university and the last four at Rollins. The hope is to begin this partnership in fall 2013 with ca. 3-4 students.

Nancy stated that this degree is nested in INB and will be strongly supported by Modern Languages. She also stated that this proposal will have to go through committees of both CPS and A & S.

This is uncharted territory and there might be possibilities of other dual enrollment opportunities for Rollins students in Spain and Portugal. Jenny asked if students would be coming back for their last semester to take a capstone. She said that Dean Smither is concerned with the idea that students can get a degree from Rollins in 2 years. The other partners for these kinds of programs are the larger state schools and the thrust of the partnership comes from their schools of business. Nancy felt that this would provide an opportunity for students to excel in their language skills. She stated that students from both her class and Marc Sardy's class are anxious to take advantage of this opportunity. Nancy said that she is supportive of this idea but there should be a loud and clear voice from the faculty of A & S.

D. Australian Study – Gen Ed Course Designation

Jenny asked if AAC would approve some of the courses that would be transferred to Rollins with a gen ed designate. The courses are listed as follows:

1. ENGL1008 - Australian Texts: International Contexts **No gen ed**
2. DAAE2001 - 20th Century Australian Architecture **D**
3. EDEC1003 - Changing Childhoods **No gen ed**
4. EDUF3034 - Australian Theatre, Film and Learning **No gen ed**

5. HSTY1089 - Australia: Blood on the Wattle **D**
6. IBUS2101 - International Business Strategy (NOT YET APPROVED FOR AUSTRALIAN STUDIES MINOR)
7. KOGR2600 - Indigenous Australia: An Introduction **C**
8. KOGR3609 - Indigenous Screen Culture **No gen ed**
9. MUSC2672 - A Certain Beat: Australian Popular Music **No gen ed**
10. GEOS1003 - Introduction to Geology **P,N**

Courses with Prerequisites

1. ARHT2631 - Australian Painting, Colony to Nation **D**
2. ASLT2609 - Australian Writing in the Postmodern Age **L**
3. GEOG3521 - Sustainable Urban Environments **No gen ed**
4. HSTY2615 - Australia: Environment, Place & History **No gen ed**
5. HSTY2678 - Race Around the World **No gen ed**
6. KOGR2611 - Issues in Indigenous History **No gen ed**
7. KOGR3605 - Writing Country: Indigenous Ecopoetics **L**
8. KOGR3606 - Colonising and Decolonising Histories **C**
9. SCLG2611 - Welfare States: A Comparative Analysis **No gen ed**
10. GEOS2121 - Environmental and Resource Management **No gen ed**
11. ECOP2612 - Economic Policy in Global Context **No gen ed**

The Committee agreed with Jenny that a longer conversation was needed in order to approve these courses. It was agreed that this proposal will be tabled until next semester.

Old Business

Gloria reported that the Implementation Committee list is taking shape. Membership currently includes representative from each division of A & S as well as Dorothy May from the Library, Robin Mateo from the Dean's office, Ryan Musgrave from the Honors program, Tonia Warnecke from CPS and two student representatives who are members of AAC. Suggestions were also made about Gabriel Barreneche from RCC.

Gloria thanked the Committee members for their hard work this year. She also announced that this will be the last AAC meeting for the semester.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m. by Gloria Cook.

Minutes submitted by: Gloria Cook