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Minutes, Curriculum Committee Meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 2018

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Date: 2/20/2018

Location: Bush 176

Attendees:

☒ Josh Almond (Chair) ☒ James Patrone (Sec.) ☒ Mattea Garcia ☒ Gloria Cook
☐ Stephanie Henning ☒ Mario D'Amato ☒ Emily Russell
☐ Jamey Ray ☐ Nancy Niles ☒ Nick Houndonougbo ☒ Dan Chong
☒ Andrew Phillips ☒ Jonathan Harwell ☒ Stephen Booker ☐ Tiffany Griffin
☒ Kasandra Riley ☐ Mae Fitchett ☐ Janette Smith ☒ Todd French ☒ Dan Myers
☒ Paul Stephenson

Agenda/Discussion

1. Approve minutes from the February 6, 2018 meetings
 - a. Motion to approve minutes from 2/6/2018 meetings
 - b. DECISION: APPROVED (8-0-0)
2. Sub-committee announcements and/or reports
 - a. New Course Committee (N. Niles)
 - i. Meeting today at 3:30pm today
 - ii. 14 New courses, 4 rFLA, 12 Maymester classes
 - b. Academic Appeals Committee (M. Garcia, G.)
 - i. Met and have usual cases
 - ii. Discussion on appeals and how to use them along with leave
 - c. International Committee (N. Houndonougbo)
 - i. No report
 - d. EC report (J. Almond)
 - i. SE discussions
 - ii. FEC review discussions and review process
3. Old Business
 - a. Review of rFLA Divisional Exception classes (E. Russell)
 - i. Moved to larger discussion after major map changes
 - b. Proposed changes to Faculty Line Request form (J. Almond)
 - i. Josh had reviewed current document and noted the redundancy and inappropriateness of the last question on form
 - ii. Recommends removing last question from new tenure track line request form
4. New business
 - a. Proposed Changes to the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB) Major (K. Riley) - 12:30
 - i. Removal of BCH440 and moving BCH435 to become the capstone of major
 - ii. Students must take a minimum of 6 elective hours in both CHM and BIO
 - iii. BCH435 is based on primary literature and has large writing component

- iv. Will teach BCH440 for next 2 years
 - v. Have you thought about changing name to fit capstone
 - 1. More appropriate based on content and lab
- b. Motion to approve changes to BMB
- c. DECISION: APPROVED (8-0-0)
- d. Proposed Changes to the Biology Major (K. Sutherland)
 - i. Addition of microbial genetics
 - ii. Changing name of Cellular Biology to Cell Biology
 - iii. Students must score AP 5 or a higher level IB of 5,6, or 7 for 1 of 2 general biology courses
 - iv. Paul defends being student centric and ties this to mission statement
 - v. This is one strategy, but does not address root of problem and simply makes rationalization (J. Almond)
 - vi. BIO120 and BIO121 have same description; have you thought of being more explicit about which course has which content?
 - vii. Classes have been taught in the same fashion for past 4-5 years
 - viii. Keeping descriptions is leaves flexibility
- e. Motion to approve changes to BIO and Marine Bio
- f. DECISION: APPROVED (8-0-0)
- g. Discussion of rFLA Neighborhoods/Colloquium Round-up (E. Russell)
 - i. Current state of Union
 - ii. Student Surveys
 - 1. Same questions as asked in past
 - 2. 16% response rate – more positive than negative
 - 3. Concerns about choice and courses being too hard
 - 4. Cohort experience were split – trended towards negative
 - 5. Full results will be available on Blackboard
 - iii. Hypotheses
 - 1. Negative at first but getting better
 - a. Data does not support this
 - 2. Does program perception change over time
 - a. Somewhat
 - 3. Are some neighborhoods better at making connections?
 - a. WCC and IMW
 - iv. Models for Staffing & Student Choice
 - 1. 28 courses per yr in each division
 - 2. Divisional exemption removes 4-10 per division per year
 - a. Largest staffing reduction!!!!
 - 3. Removing 1 neighborhood removes .5 class per division per year
 - a. Modest at best
 - 4. Student choice does not actually go up as neighborhoods go down
 - 5. Conversation centered on option of opening the 200 level courses and keeping 100 and 300 in the thematic neighborhood
 - 6. Would it be better to keep neighborhoods or go to 1 neighborhood
- 5. Announcements (none)
- 6. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn