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Curriculum Committee

Meeting Minutes (Approved)

September 7, 2021

In attendance: Jill Jones (Chair), Ashley Kistler, Mark Heileman, Raghavendra KC, Rob Sanders, Rochelle Elva, Samantha Fonseca-Douguet, Sarah Parsloe, Stephanie Henning, Zoe Pearson, Gloria Cook, Toni Holbrook

Guest: Giselda Beaudin

1. Call to order
2. Announcements – none
3. Subcommittee Reports – none
4. Old Business – none
5. New Business – **OIP – Rollins Approved Semester Study Abroad Program Closures**
 - i. Giselda provides OIP’s rationale for the program closures and overview of the proposal (details available in the proposal document - see Jill’s Sep 6 email)
 - ii. Toni makes a note in WebEx chat – Documentation of CC approval of curricular change is all we need to substantiate faculty approval for this type of closure to SACSCOC.
 - iii. Giselda makes a note of the second half of the circulated document – these are provided to the CC so that the committee knows which other programs are being considered for closure in the future.
 - iv. Stephanie makes a note in the WebEx chat that the CC may need to review the Australian Studies Minor if we close the Australia Program
 - Giselda responds – the minor has been hard to earn even with the Sydney program on the docket.
 - Stephanie states that there has been hardly any students in the minor in the past few years.
 - Giselda adds – we have other programs in Australia even if we close Sydney.
 - v. Mark asks what the details are about the new programs under consideration.
 - Giselda responds – the new programs will come through CC individually. OIP is considering programs in Asia, in Australia (with internships given the demand), alternative options in Germany to replace the ones that are not working as well. Nothing concrete at the point.
 - vi. Mark expresses concerns about the dual degree program in Germany.
 - Giselda responds that this has been closed in Spring 2020.
 - Giselda reassures that the Munich program will run but is being reassessed and new options are being considered.
 - vii. Jill asks - despite the closures, are there alternative programs in the country that will be running and are working better?

- Giselda clarifies – there are programs certainly in the region. May not be in the same country. Removing the redundancies are part of the rationale.
 - viii. KC asks for assurance that Munich, currently under consideration for future closure, would only be closed if there is a better replacement found in Germany
 - Giselda agrees and states that OIP would not close all options in Germany and would overlap the replacement program.
 - ix. KC asks if the Lancaster program has had low participation only in recent years or if this has been a consistent drop.
 - Giselda shares that the drop started in 2012. The area has London and Ireland academic program in addition.
 - x. Jill seeks Committee’s take on where the proposal should be approved in its entirety or if the vote should be for each program closures.
 - Zoe suggests to seek approval for all four closures and if it doesn’t pass, then to vote on each program separately.
 - xi. Marc asks Giselda if there is any documentation of programs being considered that she could share.
 - Giselda shares that details of specific programs are not available but general proposal that includes regions and places under consideration can be provided.
 - Giselda also shares that new programs would come through CC to be approved after a meticulous and involved process.
 - xii. Gloria seeks information about SIT program and how it works.
 - Giselda provides information.
 - xiii. Jill moves to approve the closure of the 4 international programs in the OIP proposal**
 - **Passes unanimously.**
 - xiv. Giselda’s final comment: If anyone would like to see the full proposal for program development, send Giselda an email.
6. All other business:
- a. Gloria and Ashley’s note from the EC meeting
 - EC had conversation about the self-designed minor. Gloria voiced her concerns given that the curriculum will have a number of other changes coming. Gloria doesn’t see rigor in the proposal yet.
 - Ashley shares that EC received the proposal after CC endorsed it last year. EC voted against it and is sending it back to CC for changes and re-consideration.
 - b. Ashley’s update from Curricular Optimization Task Force
 - i. Departments have expressed challenges adjusting the requirements for their major to adhere to the 128 credit hour.
7. Final note from Jill: Meeting next week may be in person. Jill to confirm after visiting the meeting space.
8. Meeting adjourned