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Curriculum Committee

Meeting Minutes (Approved)

September 14, 2021

In attendance: Jill Jones (Chair), Ashley Kistler, Mark Heileman, Raghendra KC, Rochelle Elva, Samantha Fonseca-Douguet, Sarah Parsloe, Stephanie Henning, Zoe Pearson, Gloria Cook, Toni Holbrook, Susan Montgomery, Paul Reich, Robin Gerchman, Yusheng Yao, Rob Sanders

1. Minutes from 9/7/2021 meeting approved
2. Announcements: Welcomed Yusheng Yao to the committee; Ashley announced CHM 120 approved as an exception for rFLA.
3. New Course Subcommittee
 - a. Courses approved: Field study: Biology with travel to Maine, English 395 Vikings includes study abroad; Italy; Brazil; ARH 343 Global Trade and African Textiles
4. Old Business – None
5. New Business
 - a. Change of Credit Hours – Course Optimization Task Force
 - b. Report and recommendation circulated via email before meeting
 - c. Recommendation from 140 to 128
 - i. Three fewer courses
 1. Discussion on where these courses may come from.
 2. Could come from the major itself
 - d. Cap major courses to 64 which needs to be addressed alongside the credit reduction.
 - e. Discussion around the report and recommendation
 - i. Counting credit hours the same across comparative schools
 - ii. Ongoing conversations in the Science Division to reduce lab courses from 6 credits to 5 credits
 - iii. Dean's office is working on decoupling credit hour from teaching load
 - iv. Business Division concerns: possible students graduating in three years; INB is currently 68 hours which is over 64; business curriculum accreditation needs to be considered
 - v. Administration needs to be included in the conversation regarding revenue and early graduation.
 1. Another policy that needs to be reviewed is what credits can be accepted upon entering Rollins.
 2. Would a change in this policy adversely affect recruiting/admission.
 - f. The Curriculum Optimization Task Force also needs to address the issue of staffing courses across the college and relieve scheduling pressures.
 - g. Proposal increases electives from 16 to 20
 - h. Previous arguments against the change was a concern with Holt and the revenue generated since Holt students pay by credit hour.
6. Realistic timeline for these changes to be implemented is Fall 2023.
7. Next step is further discuss the recommendation at future committee meetings.

Meeting adjourned: 1:41 PM