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Minutes, Curriculum Committee Meeting, Tuesday, September 26, 2017

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Date: 9/26/2017

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

Agenda/Discussion

1. Approve minutes from the September 19, 2017 meetings
 - a. Motion to approve minutes from 9/19/2017 meetings
 - b. DECISION: APPROVED (10-0-0)
2. Sub-committee announcements and/or reports
 - a. New Course Committee (N. Niles)
 - i. Have met regularly working through proposals
 - b. Academic Appeals Committee (J. Ray)
 - i. Not met yet
 - c. International Committee
 - i. 1st meeting
 1. Looking at Shanghai program and struggling numbers
 2. Try shorter term vs whole semester
 3. Trying to improve numbers
 - d. EC report (J. Almond)
 - i. None
3. New business
 - a. BUS and EDU sabbatical replacement requests
 - i. VAP requirements for sabbatical replacements
 1. 2 people from department on sabbatical
 2. VAP has a 4/4 teaching load
 - ii. EDU VAP request
 1. 3 people taking 1 semester sabbatical – possibly 1 for year
 - a. 1 in Fall/ 2 in Spring
 - b. Need is for core courses to be taught
 - c. Need for 6 student teachers per faculty
 2. Seems reasonable
 - iii. BUS VAP request
 1. Requesting 2 VAP positions
 - a. 1 1yr VAP and 1 2 yr VAP
 2. 1 yr VAP would be for marketing
 - a. 1 faculty member going away for year

- b. currently have adjunct teaching 1 of the classes affected
 - c. Does not seem to meet criteria
 - 3. 2 yr VAP position for stats
 - a. Currently 2 people taking 1 yr sabbatical in back to back years
 - b. Each year 4 sections of stats are taught
 - c. Number of students that would be negatively affected by not getting VAP is high
 - d. Seems reasonable
 - 4. Useful information going forward
 - a. # profs previous year
 - b. # profs current year
 - c. # profs future year
- b. Continued discussion of RFLA changes (Emily Russell).
 - i. Current Plan
 - 1. Deal with divisional exemption
 - 2. Figure out ethical reasoning
 - 3. Wait for external review
 - 4. Decide about number of neighborhoods
 - ii. Need better class estimates for future years
 - 1. Factors now being considered
 - a. Account for attrition in student body
 - b. Look at historical enrollment patterns
 - c. Use accurate course caps
 - iii. Science Division Exemption
 - 1. Allow S to be taken outside of neighborhood through other classes in science
 - a. CHM120
 - b. BIO120
 - c. ENV225
 - d. PHY120
 - 2. Would help alleviate staffing concerns within science division
 - 3. Questions
 - a. Would S class be replaced by another neighborhood class?
 - i. No, does not make sense pedagogically.
 - ii. This may be where an ethical reasoning competency can go.
 - b. Would they need a C- or better?
 - i. Yes, that is the rFLA requirement so it should be met.
 - c. What about transfer credit?
 - i. Debate about yes or no
 - ii. Not really answered
 - d. Is this for all divisions or just science?
 - i. Could be for all, but divisions need to meet and discuss and come up justification/proposal.
 - ii. Try sci and see what happens. No need to open up immediately.
 - 4. Motion to vote on sci exemption (M. D' Amato)
 - 5. Motion withdrawn (M. D' Amato)
 - 6. Need an actual formal proposal from science division
- 4. Old Business (none)
- 5. Announcements (none)
- 6. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn

