

**Curriculum Committee
Minutes
February 1, 2018**

Present: Jan Byers-Kirsch, Teri Walker, Toni Sipic, Coco Wu, Michael Groeger, Maria Sanders, Jon Fassett, Bruce Palmquist, Maura Valentino, Linda Hoff, Scott Robinson, Mike Harrod, Rose Spodobalski-Brower and Sathy Rajendran

Absent: Student representative, Jeff Stinson, Ginny Blackson, CEPS Associate Dean

Guest(s): Bernadette Jungblut, Cody Stoddard, Paul Knepper, Lizzie Brown, Jon Bowen, Lori Gray and Thomas Tenerelli

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Michael moved to approve the agenda. Coco seconded, and agenda was approved

Coco moved to approve the January 25, 2018 minutes. Bruce seconded, and minutes were approved.

The committee gave a thank you to Linda Hoff who is retiring.

Approval log

BA Law & Justice - Michael indicated he is okay with the answer from department on the 49X courses.

General Education program change - Becky Pearson talked about the General Education program change. Foreign language requirement is being changed in policy to become a graduation requirement. The existing General Education (GE) program has math and reasoning. The proposed program has math competencies in science & technology, Physical and Natural World and Quantitative Reasoning. The General Education Committee (GEC) carefully reviewed proposals to make sure they were appropriate for the areas. If the committee couldn't see how the proposal fit, they asked for clarification. The existing program allows students to take a course in math or finance, so they currently graduate without a MATH prefix course in Mathematics and Reasoning areas. GEC is currently working with the Math department to make sure that the students are academically ready for those courses. Conversation with the General Education Implementation Task Force (GEITF), there may be an amendment brought forward regarding those competencies. Toni commented that the committee strongly believes there is not enough math, and there is a net loss with this math requirement in the new program. Becky indicated that GEC is working to ensure that the program will provide students the opportunity to write. The framework did not set a structure around pre-reqs. This is a living program and can be changed as we move forward. Approving the populated framework for implementation would allow a calendar year to work on the nuts and bolts that are coming in now. Lori Gray indicated she wanted to let committee know what the concerns are from the English department. The framework and way it is populated will be creating a gap, where there is not a gap now. ENG 101 and 102 have been designed to go together seamlessly, recycling of information, and strong links to developmental courses. The way the new program is being populated a student could take Academic Writing I in Philosophy and Academic Writing II in Management. There will be a gap in the curriculum, because there won't be the seamlessness there is now. To make sure that students are just receiving

instruction in these classes with different vocabulary and formats is not enough. Michael indicated that he is concerned about the number of courses approved in certain areas. It appears that we are trapped with what was approved. Lori indicated that there is conversation going on in the College of Arts and Humanities to propose that Academic Writing II be moved up in the framework to the first-year experience block and creating a writing in the discipline where Academic Writing II is currently. We are losing a lot by not having the W courses. Looked at what Indiana University is using, and they came up with course characteristics or requirements. Lori did a quick tweak of this information for Central to ensure that assessments are the same and have similar assignments. Michael asked why the justification didn't include why the W (writing intensive) courses that were removed. Lizzie talked about that through the redesign process it was brought up that the W designation was bottleneck and faculty would rather have writing across the disciplines. Bruce indicated that AACU also has first-year experience. Undergraduate research, university and global learning, service and community service learning. Becky talked about the assessment and design that GEC will address. First came the process of reviewing and approving courses, and assessment will be next.

Coco moved to send the General Education program on to Faculty Senate. Bruce seconded. Michael wanted it known for the record that the Curriculum Committee never votes to kill any item of curriculum. We vote to send back proposals back to the originator for revisions. We need to get out of the mindset that we have authority over the program. 2 yeas, motion failed.

Michael moved to approve item #22 with significant reservations about academic integrity regarding math, writing and concerns about adverse effects on colleges and programs, specifically College Arts and Humanities. Maria seconded. 1 nay Motion approved.

Approval Log

Bruce moved to approve #4 Cinema Studies Minor, #27 BA Law and Justice, #36 Screenwriting Minor, #37 Theatre Arts Minor, #38 BFA Theatre Design and Production. Michael seconded, and motion was approved.

Coco moved to approve #9 ECON 493, #10 ENG 473, #21 FIN 493, #24 HRM 493, #28 MGT 493, #29 MIS 493, #30 MKT 493, #32 PHIL 317. Bruce seconded, and motion was approved.

New courses

Jan moved to approve #2 AVP 131, #3 AVP 237, #25 LAJ 493. Coco seconded, and motion was approved.

Special Topics

Jon moved to approve #1 ANTH 499, #23 HIST 498, #26 LAJ 499, #33 RELS 398 Women and Gender in Early Christianity and, #34 RELS 398 Zen Philosophy. Bruce seconded, and motion was approved

Course changes

Coco moved to approve #5 CS 111, #20 FILM 467 and, #35 SCED 320. Jan seconded, and motion was approved

Reserve

Bruce moved to approve #6 CSME 484 and #7 CSME 499 be put on reserve. Coco seconded, and motion was approved.

Michael moved to approve SOC 307, FCL 435, JAP 442, FIN 101, CHEM 110, EDLT 218, CS 428, POSC 401. Jan seconded, and motion was approved

CWUR 2-50-060

The committee talked about changes to CWUR 2-50-060. Changes will be presented to Faculty Senate at the February 7, 2018 meeting.

Bruce moved to approve the amended CWU 2-50-060. Jon seconded, and motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.