Faculty Curriculum Committee Minutes
Friday, April 6, 2018
Stern room 201

Present: Chad Galuska (co-chair), Andrew Przeworski (secretary), Tom Carroll, Doug Friedman, Gayle Goudy, Nenad Radakovic, Wayne Smith

Registrar's Office: Mary Bergstrom, Jerry Mackeldon, Julie Dahl

Academic Affairs: Lynn Cherry

Presentation of the Agenda (Galuska)

Old Business
1. We approved the minutes from the March meeting.
2. Chair's report: the registrar requests that course renumberings be subject to the same deadline as prerequisite changes and credit-hour changes.
3. DANC: Chad has drafted a memo to send to Standards.
4. CITA (McCaughey, Stavley)
   Discussion: none
   Modifications: none
   Decision: approved

New Business
1. RELS (Bjerken)
   Discussion: none
   Modifications: the proposal should say that it goes into effect in 2019.
   Decision: approved
2. PRST (Coetzer)
   Discussion: question about why this isn't just a program change. It's because they're changing the name of the program.
   Modifications: minor change to wording of assessment expectations, and the dates in which the changes go into effect need to be updated
   Decision: approved, with one “no” vote.
3. Special Topics: Chad has drafted a motion to send to the Senate giving the FCC oversight of the 3-in-5 rule.
   Discussion: question about the consequences should a department violate the 3-in-5 rule. Should such violations automatically trigger consequences, or should there be some method for granting exceptions? Debate about whether the violating courses should be blocked from further offerings (until becoming regular courses) or simply be reviewed. Since none of this would take effect next year anyway, we'll continue working on the policy over the summer, and do a preliminary review of 3-in-5 violations in the fall, to help guide our decision on how the policy would be enforced.
   Modifications: Academic Affairs should also be notified of violations
Decision: none

4. CHEM (Tonks)
Discussion: should the course be an elective in the major? CHEM hasn’t decided that issue yet. Is the course primarily lab or lecture? It varies from one week to another.
Modifications: the course description will be reworded, to remove the claim that the course is primarily a lecture course.
Decision: approved