

Faculty Curriculum Committee Minutes
Friday, January 26, 2018
Stern room 201

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

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

Academic Affairs: Lynn Cherry

Presentation of the Agenda (Galuska)

Old Business

1. We approved the minutes from the November meeting.
2. Our November proposals all passed the Senate.
3. Special topics – the co-chairs met with chairs of several other committees to continue the debate about how to revise the policy on topics courses. There's still no consensus on how to move forward. There's now an OAKS discussion thread. One proposal (discussed at our previous meeting) about oversight of the 3-in-5 rule is to have chairs report periodically on the topics courses they've offered, and compliance with the 3-in-5 rule.

New Business

1. FREN (Morrison)
Discussion: question about whether the stricter older prerequisites are no longer necessary. Because the lower-level courses have evolved over time to become more rigorous, fewer prerequisites are now necessary.
Modifications: none
Decision: approved
2. INTL (Friedman)
Discussion: none
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Decision: approved
3. INTL (Friedman)
Discussion: question about whether the credit hours reported on the form should be for just the concentration, or the entire program. It's the entire program.
Modifications: none
Decision: approved
4. ARTS 339 (Frankel)
Discussion: Question about whether "permission of instructor" is a restriction or a second pathway into the class. It's intended as a restriction,

but after discussion, they decide to remove that clause. Will the SLOs change the second time that the student takes the class? Yes.

Modifications: There's a revised version of the proposal. The repeatability is no longer tied to standing. Instead, it's tied to whether the student is a major/minor. There's also a clause for "permission of instructor", but during the meeting, it is removed.

Decision: approved

5. PPLW (Knotts and Krasnoff)

Discussion: some of the forms didn't show all of the proposed changes, but that's apparently something that curriculum will propagate through the forms later. Question about faculty review of changes to major GPA policy. Such changes need to go through the usual faculty review process.

Modifications: none

Decision: approved

6. CSCI 462/INFS (van Delden)

Discussion: none

Modifications: there have been some changes to the descriptions of the paperwork (but not to the actual paperwork) to make clear that 462 is replacing 459 in the major requirements, but 459 isn't being deactivated

Decision: approved

7. CSCI (van Delden)

Discussion: question about whether the existing science requirements were driven solely by the accreditation agency. They were. Question about whether students will be able to complete the new requirements within four years. CSCI doesn't think that it will be a problem.

Modifications: none

Decision: approved

8. GEOL (Ali)

Discussion: do they need to make a change to the GPA computation in the GEOL B.A. to exclude the new courses? They'll have to decide whether to do that.

Modifications: the syllabus for 365 needs to be updated to reflect the way that the course will be taught to GEOL majors. The program change needs to place the new courses as options in the "required" area, not just the "elective" area. There are some typos in the SLOS that will be fixed.

Decision: approved

9. PSYC (Galuska)

Discussion: none

Modifications: the wording of the prerequisite has been clarified.

Decision: approved

10. MATH

Discussion: since this is just an FYI, the discussion is about the broader cross-listing policy.

Modifications: none

Decision: no vote was required

For the Good of the Order

1. To what extent does the FCC scrutinize changes to the major GPA computation? When programs are revised, we'll need to assess whether any changes to the major GPA computation are appropriate.
2. 2018-19 committee assignment requests will be coming soon.