

Faculty Curriculum Committee
Minutes
10/17/2014

Attending:

Members: **Bonnie Springer, Steve Jaume,, Doug Friedman, Tammy Ingram, Mike Larsen, Joshua Minor,, Marianne Verlinden**

Provost Office:

Registrars Office: **Mary Bergstrom, Franklin Czwazka, Jerry Mackeldon**

Approval of Minutes for September meeting

New Business:

Classics: Revision of statement on Requirement for AB Degree

Tim Johnson – Classics in attendance

Statement revision approved.

Psychology: Change of Major/New Course Proposals

Proposal tabled because Psychology representative was not available to answer questions of the relationship between PSYC 359 & 359L.

Procedural Rule Decided for 2014-2015 FCC: Departmental representative required at FCC meeting in order for proposal to be taken up by the committee.

Spanish: Change of Major/New Course Proposals

Joe Weyers – Spanish in attendance

Question arose as to definition of “Select Topics” and how it compares to a “Special Topics” course. There is concern that this is a way of getting around the “3 times” rule for Special Topics courses; i.e., SPAN 492 would only get one review from FCC. Also, that a large proportion of upper level courses in Spanish would be these types of courses.

Joe replied that there has been a proliferation of new courses over the years and this was an attempt by Spanish department to consolidate and prevent a continued proliferation of new courses.

There was a suggestion of an intermediate level of consolidation might be more appropriate; i.e., “20th Century Spanish Literature” could cover literature from one of several Spanish cultures but still have a common set of competencies and learning outcomes.

Q. Does this constitute a 25% or more change to program that has to go through SACS review?

Several other suggestions were offered as to how to revise the upper level Spanish course offerings., including making odd-numbered courses European Spanish and even-numbered courses Latin American courses (or vice versa).

Registrars Office offered concerns regarding the “3 and 5” rule.

COGNOS (system that Registrars Office uses).

Spanish department will take suggestions under advisement and come back to FCC with a new proposal at next meeting.

New business arising from Spanish program discussion: Special Topics versus Varying Topics courses – motion for FCC to take under discussion and review status and procedures and clarify policy regarding Special vs Varying Topics courses. This includes clarifying status of repeatable courses (i.e., courses that can be taken for credit more than once).

Motion passed.

Old Business:

Status of discussion on revision of course proposal forms

Bonnie updated FCC on revision of course proposal form. This will likely be taken up by the Institutional Effectiveness Committee since it directly affects SACS review.

Announcements: Upcoming curriculum initiatives

Biology Change of major proposal forthcoming
Physical Education and Health multiple course additions (PEAC)
HONS course proposals
ENTR course proposal and program change
TEDU Middle Grades program change

Adjournment