

Faculty Curriculum Committee Minutes
Friday, September 18, 2015
Stern room 201

Present: Bonnie Springer (interim chair), Andrew Przeworski (secretary), Chad Galuska, Tom Carroll, Gibbs Knotts, Claudia Moran, Lynn Cherry

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

Academic Affairs: Conseula Francis

Presentation of the Agenda (Springer)
Introductions (Springer)

Old Business

Outcome of the Election/Selection of secretary for curriculum committee
We selected Andrew Przeworski.

Outcome of the election of chair of curriculum committee (to begin in the role of chair after the current meeting)

Postponed until the end of the meeting.

New Business

1. The following curriculum proposals were considered by the committee:

BA in Public Health, Change of Program, deletion of HEAL 495 from electives (McGee)

Discussion: none

Decision: Approve

Data Sciences – Change prerequisites for DATA 495 and change of Major – Remove Calculus 2 from the degree (Anderson)

Discussion: none

Decision: Approve both changes

Mathematics – Change prerequisites to MATH 440 (Przeworski)

Discussion: none

Decision: Approve

Biology – Change of minor, adding BIOL 314, Immunology to the list of general electives, change of course for BIOL 314 adding “or permission of instructor” to prerequisite statement. (Springer for Tribblehorn)

Discussion: none

Decision: Approve

Discussion of another pending Biology proposal to change BIOL 351/352 and PSYC 351/352: BIOL and PSYC need to agree to uniform prerequisites for 351/352. Currently BIOL 351/352 requires statistics, while PSYC 351/352 doesn't.

Department of Supply Chain and Information Management – addition of minor in Information Management, includes adding four new courses. (Davis)

Discussion: Are BADM students allowed to minor in INFM? No. Will the new INFM courses be BADM electives? That is still to be decided. INFM will indicate a critical path for students to take in this minor, indicating the necessary prerequisites. INFM wants to change the course description of INFM 350.

Decision: Tabled until INFM decides on the changes they want for INFM 350.

Urban Studies –discussion and feedback related to creation of two new courses in the Student Ambassadorship (Keenan)

Discussion: If a student from a major other than URST takes an internship course in their home department, who decides whether that course is part of the Student Ambassador Program? The instructor of the course would need to be willing to meet the Student Ambassador Program's learning outcomes. Since the Student Ambassador Program isn't a degree program, it may be moot. Since these course are sequential, should they have the earlier courses as prerequisites? Yes. Could a junior apply to the program and take the 250/251 course? No, they wouldn't be admitted. Perhaps the courses should state that they are restricted to certain students of certain years. What about transfer students who enter with sophomore standing? They would probably be turned away. URST is going to rewrite the prerequisites (including for 250/251) and alter the catalog descriptions to indicate these restrictions.

Decision: No vote. This was planned as discussion without a vote.

2. Overview of the scope of the year's work and presentation of specific charges to the Curriculum Committee (Springer and Francis)

Discussion

- A. Creation of task forces to respond to the charged tasks: GPA calculation policy

Members: Andrew Przeworski, Chad Galuska

- B. Revision of curriculum proposal forms in preparation for online digital "workflow" proposal system.

Members: Claudia Moran, Tom Carroll, Bonnie Springer, possibly Tammy Ingram

- C. Development of a proposal for categorizing curriculum changes requiring different levels of approval

Members: Lynn Cherry, Gibbs Knotts

3. Resumption of the discussion about the selection the FCC chair.

Gibbs Knotts was selected.