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Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Minutes, February 13, 2008

The second meeting of the UCC for the Spring semester 2008 took place on February 13, 2008, in the President's Conference Room. Dossett Hall. The meeting was called to order by chair Scott Contreras-Koterbay at 2:05 p.m., with the following voting members present: Scott Contreras-Koterbay (Arts & Sciences); Stephen Patrick (Library); Suzanne Smith (Business & Technology); Diane Mozen (Education); Alison Deadman (Arts & Sciences); Keith Green (Arts & Sciences); Mike Stoots (Public & Allied Health); Jean Hamm (Education); Laurelle Phillips (Education); Joy Wachs (Nursing); and Marie Tedesco (Continuing Studies). The following ex-officio members attended: Marsh Grube (Academic Affairs); Billie Lancaster (Registrar's Office); and Bobbie Wood (Registrar's Office). Guests who attended were: Roberta Herrin (Center for Appalachian Studies and Services); Theresa Burchett (Center for Appalachian Studies and Services); Anita DeAngelis (College of Arts and Sciences and Art and Design); Weixing Chen (Political Science); Adam Dickson (Political Science); and Michael Laws (Computer Science).

Agenda Items

1. **Approval of the minutes of January 23, 2008.** Diane Mozen made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written; Keith Green seconded the motion. Committee members voted unanimously to approve the motion.
2. **Actions by the chair, at the direction of the committee.** Contreras-Koterbay reported the approval of the following new courses: MUSC 1275; BIOL 2500; ECED 4167; and ECED 4417.
3. **Substantial course modification: CSCI 2910, Client and Server-Side Programming.** Michael Laws of the Department of Computer and Information Science presented the proposal to modify CSCI 2910. The proposed modification would delete client-side programming, in order to provide more in-depth coverage of server-side programming. The proposed new title is "Server-Side Web Programming." Current prerequisites are CSCI 1710, CSCI 2020, and either CSCI 1260 or CSCI 2800. Proposed prerequisites would eliminate CSCI 2800. Discussion among committee members focused on minor questions concerning the snapshot, as well as questions concerning clarity of assignments as explained on the syllabus. Laws and Smith answered questions to the satisfaction of committee members. Patrick made a motion to accept the proposal; Mozen seconded the motion; and committee members voted unanimously in favor of the proposal.
4. **New course proposals: a)PSCI 4030, Black American Political Thought.** Weixing Chen and Adam Dickson of the Department of Political Science presented the proposal for PSCI 4030. Discussion of the snapshot focused on the rationale of the course and inserting a statement that the course is designed to achieve diversity in the curriculum, while discussion of the syllabus focused on minor changes

needed in the catalog description, the necessity of making the percentages of course assignments listed under “Major Course Assignments” and under “Grade Assignment” consistent, and the need to strengthen the listing of recommended readings. Deadman recommended that the proposal be accepted, with the recommended changes; Green seconded; and ten committee members voted to approve the proposal. (One member was not present for the vote.)

b) APST 4177/ARTA 4177, Art and Appalachia. Anita DeAngelis of the Department of Art and Design and the College of Arts and Sciences presented the proposal for the course. DeAngelis explained the history of the course as rooted in the need for a visual arts course that related to art in and of the Appalachian region. She also explained that the rationale for the cross-listing derived from two factors: 1) the teaching of the course by faculty members from two separate academic departments; and 2) the need for art and art history students and Appalachian Studies students to identify the course as one that they want to take. The committee’s discussion of the snapshot concerned the need for cross-listing; discussion of the syllabus centered on the clarity of learning outcomes. Green made a motion that the proposal be accepted; Patrick seconded the motion; and committee members voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

5. **Non-substantive curriculum change proposal.** Roberta Herrin of the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services presented the proposal to modify the requirements for the minor in Appalachian studies. Primarily, the modifications concerned eliminating meaningless academic tracks and deleting GEOG 3120 from the list of electives, because the course will be eliminated. Herrin also explained that the SOAA rubric for 3500 and 4627 may be changed to ANTH by the department. Discussion of the proposal was brief and centered on minor changes. Green proposed that the proposal be accepted with the minor changes; Hamm seconded; and committee members voted unanimously to accept the proposal.
6. **Old business.** Survey on academic policies on minor requirements. Grube led discussion on the survey. Especially pertinent was what committee members found on the “double-dipping” question, that is on what schools allowed in regard to counting credits toward both a major and a minor. It appears that policies vary, although a number of schools allowed some degree of double-dipping. Members also discussed the definition of a minor, both in departments that had majors and in departments (e.g. Appalachian studies, African-American studies) that do not have a major. Grube recommended putting the topic on the agenda for the next meeting.
7. **New business.** There was no new business
8. **Adjournment.** Stoots made a motion to adjourn; Tedesco seconded the motion; and committee members voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted by Marie Tedesco.

