Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Monday, May 2, 2005

Minutes


Absent: Michele Crockett, Dick Mintel, Dan Peterson, Alice Poehls (ex officio designee), Hobe Scholz, Jerry Talton, Nina Tarr, Ruth V. Watkins (ex officio designee)

Guests: Donna Buchanan, Lucy Rich

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy convened at 1:10 p.m. in Room 232 of the English Building with Chair Abbas Aminmansour presiding.

I. Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of April 11, April 18 and April 25, 2005

The Minutes of the meetings of April 11, April 18, and April 25, 2005 were approved as written.

II. Remarks of the Chair

The Chair thanked Committee members for coming to the last meeting of the year and for their many accomplishments in 2004-2005.

III. Old Business

Subcommittees:

Subcommittee A

EP.05.27, Proposal from the College of LAS to rename and revise the Interdisciplinary Minor in Russian and East European Studies and EP.05.28, Proposal from the College of LAS to rename and revise the Science and Letters Curriculum in Russian and East European Studies  Goldberg reported that Professor Buchanan had provided revisions upon the subcommittee’s request, thus, making the proposals much easier to understand. He recommended that both proposals be approved to forward to the Senate.

Both proposals were unanimously approved to forward to the Senate in September.

Subcommittee B

EP.05.03, Proposal from the Colleges of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Applied Life Studies; Business; Education; and Engineering to establish a Leadership Minor  Francis reported that she had received new letters of support from the participating colleges; however, the following items may still be necessary to complete the proposal:

- Statement regarding the clarification of elective selection
- More explicit list for the Statement for the Catalog
- Signature of the Dean of the College of ACES
- Availability of courses

L. Rich expressed concerns that LAS courses may be oversubscribed. Francis was less concerned after receipt of the revised proposal as there are now more required courses and fewer electives. R. Rich pointed out that Kirby Barrick has technically met with all of our suggested concerns over availability of some courses; need definition of how this minor fits in, how courses relate to that body of knowledge and whether other courses would be substituted. Ando thought the proposal gave the Leadership Coordinating Committee the critical role of monitoring and approving courses. Marshall thought that the committee that originally spawned this proposal should be delegated to monitor it for a period of three years. He was concerned about the selection of the course list and thought there was no insight over course control. There are eleven different components of leadership and he questioned how many faculty members actually know the philosophy of leadership. Conry asked if Central Campus funds would be available to funnel into respective departments for a certain number of student seats. Chapman-Novakofski reiterated concerns regarding who would be micro-managing this program. Francis felt that Kirby Barrick had addressed our questions with the narrowest responses rather than addressing the larger issues. R. Rich made a motion that the EPC request that a coordinating committee be specified and that committee respond with criteria and student slots. This motion was unanimously approved. Francis will notify Kirby Barrick of this decision.
IV. New Business

Subcommittees:

Subcommittee C

EP.05.31, Proposal from the College of Business for Revision of the Curriculum for the Department of Business Administration  Marshall explained that this proposal is one degree reorganized under five B.S. Majors. This proposal will be reviewed further in the fall.

V. Pending Items

EP.04.40, Proposed Changes to the Code pertaining to “Institutional Credit” and “Transfer Credit” (Subcommittee C with the addition of Lucy Rich and Alice Poehls)  Harwood reported that the Committee of A Deans reviewed this proposal again and is not comfortable with moving forward with this version.

EP.05.29, Guidelines for the Academic Calendar  Aminmansour said he will make the necessary editorial revisions to this proposal in time to be forwarded to the Senate in the fall. Williamson expressed his concerns that we address specific dates for commencement and Quad Day.

VI. Adjournment

Williamson made a motion that Chair Aminmansour be recognized for his fine leadership this past year; the committee members presented the Chair with a round of applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Diana Morris, Secretary
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Approved as written