

University Committee on Curriculum Planning
February 13, 2002
Library Conference Room, 7:00am

Present: Stan Gwin, Kim Craft, Brian Heuett, Michael Richards, Artis Grady, Verlinda Angell, Maxine Stolk, Diana Graff (chair), Sheri Butler (Secretary)

Excused: Terry Lewis

Minutes of January 30 sent out last week, corrected with a change of course # to EDUC 6036 were unanimously approved with a motion by B. Heuett, seconded by V. Angell.

Dean's Council Report: The dean's are generally supportive, but wanted to make changes to the committee structure and the department and college committees. They have agreed with sections I, IV and V. They are still reviewing II and III but are very close to consensus.

New Agenda Items:

Team Teaching: Question was asked. "When two faculty member team teach a course, why can't they each receive three credits instead of the standard 1.5? Policy 6.27 includes the following statement:

"D. At the discretion of the departments and with the approval of the dean, workload assignments can be made for faculty to be reassigned. Reassigned activities include adjusted teaching loads, student teaching supervision requiring extended time and travel, accreditation responsibilities within respective departments, college/schools, program or curricular development, and specific tasks in faculty governance."

Chairs have latitude provided in the policy that allows them to exercise release consideration for courses that are team-taught.

PECC Coordination: Kay Cook, Chair of PECC Program Review Committee, is requesting that a member of her committee serve on the UCCP. The College of Education will have two members on the proposed UCCP committee. Verlinda Angell presently serves as the liaison to PECC. Verlinda will discuss this request with Kay Cook and inform her that this liaison already exists and a member specifically representing PECC will not be added to this committee.

Learning by Experience: Stan Gwin reported the results of their subcommittee regarding Life-Long Learning. Life-Long learning is a reference to older students returning to school. The report defines what is already in place and proposes that the catalogue be amended to add to credit by examination, AP credit, and credit by challenge an item to be labeled:

Credit by portfolio: Designed specifically for people who have experience manifested by portfolio and documentable as their personal work by records or letters from those aware of the activity. The portfolio should already exist as a result of previous work and not be something created for the purpose of gaining credit. The academic department granting credit must

administer credit by portfolio on a course-by-course basis. The faculty teaching the course for which credit is granted award the pass/fail grade and credit. Credits by portfolio are excluded from residency for a bachelor's degree. The credit limits as stated in the catalog would apply.

All members were in favor of sending this statement to the dean's council for approval for placement in the 2002-2003 catalog.

Composite Degrees: Some composite degrees are mandated, such as some of the teaching degrees. However, some composite degrees on this campus are not mandated, and do not necessarily meet any standards. This is a matter for further discussion.

Learner-centered assessment: This item was discussed in previous meetings and the committee wanted to discuss it further after fall 2001 semester was over. M. Richards made the suggestion that we defer this discussion until later because the university assessment committee is currently working on this issue for Northwest accreditation.

Other agenda items were reviewed and it was determined that all of those items require the action of the full committee under the new policy document.

Selection of a meeting time for 2002-2003: The day and time for the meeting must be selected now so that it will be in place when the policy is approved. The committee would like to have schedules for the faculty who serve on the committee cleared for Tuesday mornings from 8:00-10:00.

The committee will reconvene under the new policy in April unless new curriculum is submitted

Motion to adjourn by Stan Gwin at 8:25am.