

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

September 30, 2003

CN 207 G 4:00 P.M.

Present: Rodney Decker, Dianne Werber, Shauna Mendini, Abe Harraf, Jerry Bowler, Mike Richards, Christine Frezza, Vik Brown, Kirk Fitzpatrick, Richard Tebbs, Maxine Stolk, John Goresbeck, Artis Grady, and Paul Shakespear.

Welcome and Introduction Rod Decker welcomed new and returning elected members of the committee and introductions were made of each committee member.

Abe Harraf indicated that the University Curriculum Committee is faculty driven and one that is very important to the university. The committee was advised to look at courses that will be advantageous to the institution and a build a good learning environment for students.

SUU requires more credits for graduation than other institutions within the state. The number of credit hours required for graduation at SUU differs from one academic area to another. The number of credit hours for graduation and the length of time it takes a student to graduate are being carefully considered. Teacher education is an area of concern where the total number of hours and time to graduate is lengthy. Course outlines and learning outcomes need to be developed in all areas; and course outlines need to be consistent in each discipline.

SUU should emphasize developing innovative and unique programs that are not offered at other state institutions that will draw new students to campus. General education will need to be readdressed again this year.

Policy and Procedure for Curriculum Committees Current policies and procedures were distributed to each member and they were asked to read through the policy to be informed of the makeup of the departments, colleges, and university curriculum committees. The current policy indicates that the elected committee members serve a four year term. Rod suggested that half the elected members serve a three year term and the other half serve a four year term so the committee is not comprised of all new members every four years. Richard Tebbs, John Grosebeck and Artis Grady volunteered to serve for two years (not 3), and Kirk Fitzpatrick, Shauna Mendini and Judy Higbee will serve four year terms.

Curricular Items Jerry Bowler motioned for courses changes in the College of Education. These course changes are proposed to replace the UNIV prefix into an academic area for SCH purposes. The changes are in prefix of the course only.

UNIV 2150, Ballroom Dance Tour Team (2 cr.) to
PE 2150, Ballroom Dance Tour Team (2 cr.)

UNIV 2160, Ballroom Dance Tour Team (1 cr.) to
PE 2160, Ballroom Dance Tour Team (1 cr.)

The motion was seconded by John Grosebeck. Discussion followed. There were questions as to these courses being transferable credits and if the courses will be taught by instructors who are qualified to teach. After discussion a vote was taken. The motion for approval was passed with a 5 to 1 vote.

Richard Tebbs motioned for approval of three new courses in the College of Science.

CS 3700, Computer Forensics (3 cr.)
CS 4700, Internet Forensics (3 cr.)
BIOL 2170, Introduction to Human Pathophysiology (3 cr.)

Richard indicated that the CS courses would replace existing courses in CS that are presently being taught. He did not know which courses would be deleted. John Groesbeck seconded the motion.

Discussion followed with concerns of proposals submitted on the old forms, no syllabus attached, courses that would be dropped, enrollment projections, and the need for a cover letter from the Dean of Science with reasons for additional courses in CS. Concerns were also raised as to when courses would be taught and the number of hours faculty would be required to teach. The CS 3700 and CS 4700 were tabled until next meeting.

Biology 2170 is a new course that science would implement if SUU receives its own nursing program. This course is presently being taught at SUU through the WSU Nursing Program. The motion was withdrawn until next meeting.

Ad Hoc Committees Rod indicated that ad hoc committees should be established to monitor curriculum proposals from departments and colleges before they are presented to University Curriculum Committee.

December 1, 2002, will be the last date when UCC will accept curricular items for the new catalog. All curriculum proposals need to be in Rod's office one week prior to the next scheduled UCC meeting.

UCC Meeting Schedule Tuesdays: October 14th, October 28th, and November 11th at 4:00 p.m. in CN 207G.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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