CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Minutes / 12.09.11

Members present: Megan Buzby, Michelle Calvin-Casey, P. Dalthorp, E. Hill (chair), Joe Liddle (audio), K. McCarthy, R. McDonald (audio), Chris Urata, J. Ward, Teague Whalen (audio)

Ex-officio members present: Carol Hedlin, Registrar’s office (B. Hegel and J. Crichton)

Visitors: Dale Miller, Robin Gilcrist (faculty, Career Ed); Kitty LaBounty (faculty, Natural Sciences, Sitka)

No errors or omissions were identified in the minutes of the meeting on 11.18.11.

Hill reported that proposal 12-01, the B.A. in Special Education, was approved unanimously by electronic vote on 6 December. Hill was asked by Senate president Dan Monteith to take an electronic vote on the B.A. since he and Rick Caulfield plan to present the proposal at the 7 December meeting of the Statewide Academic Council in Anchorage, chaired by Dan Julius, statewide VP of Academic Affairs.

Hill reported on Faculty Senate meeting of 11.02.11 in which Robin Gilcrist (Career Ed) presented the following motion regarding the Law Enforcement A.A.S. proposal:

Faculty Senate approves the concept of the Law Enforcement AAS moving forward to Curriculum Committee for review, with the clear understanding that the proposal will only be approved by the Provost and Chancellor once the Sitka Campus has identified funding and a timeline for hiring a regular faculty who will serve as the Law Enforcement Program Manager with at least a 60% workload dedicated to the oversight of the Law Enforcement AAS and Occupational Endorsement. The faculty member will demonstrate expertise in justice, law enforcement or related field.

The motion was approved with one abstention.

The Law Enforcement proposal will be on the Curriculum Committee agenda in the Spring, at the first meeting after the March 1 proposal deadline.

Spring curriculum committee meeting dates will be the following: Jan 27, Feb 17, March 23, and April 13.

Hill reviewed the email discussion regarding whether a change in course level constitutes a “minor” change (Cat C form). McCarthy indicated that she will be submitting Cat B forms that detail her proposed changes to the ECE course levels by the spring deadline (March 1).
Second Reading

12-08 / New Course MT S241

Motion to pass second reading by Ward; seconded by Calvin-Casey. Proposal approved unanimously.

12-09 / New Course MT S254

Motion to pass second reading by McCarthy; seconded by Calvin-Casey. Proposal approved unanimously.

Miller left the meeting at this point.

First Reading

12-11 / New Course BIOL 101

Kitty LaBounty provided background on the proposed BIOL courses (proposals 12-11 and 12-12). The intention of the courses is to increase the interest of Alaska Native students in science. The BIOL courses LaBounty proposes will be open to any student and will be based on the Sitka campus. The courses will be electives and will not count as GERs; nor will they count toward any degree program requirements.

Buzby confirmed that the Natural Science faculty had reviewed the two proposals.

Motion to pass first reading by Buzby; seconded by Urata.

12-12 / New Course BIOL 102

LaBounty confirmed that the only prerequisite for BIOL 102 was a grade of C- or better in BIOL 101.

Motion to pass first reading with amendment to prerequisites by Buzby; seconded by Urata.

LaBounty left the meeting at this point.

Second Reading

12-03 / Mine Mechanic OE

Robin Gilcrist provided new catalog copy for the OE and circulated it among committee members.
Motion to pass second reading with new catalog copy by Urata; seconded by McCarthy. Proposal approved unanimously.

12-07 / New Course DESL S225

Motion to pass second reading with amended catalog copy and prerequisites by Buzby; seconded by Urata. Proposal approved unanimously.

Gilchrist left the meeting at this point.

12-10 / New Course CIOS 285

McDonald reported that new versions of some of the software covered by the course are now available. Therefore the catalog copy needs to be modified.

Motion to pass second reading with amendment to prerequisites and with new catalog copy (to be transmitted directly to Hegel) by Buzby; seconded by McCarthy. Proposal approved unanimously.

12-13 / Revise GOVT concentration

Hegel asked how frequently SSCI 300 will be taught. Hill indicated that it will be taught every year by new faculty in GOVT and PSY.

Motion to pass first reading by McCarthy; seconded by Dalthorp.

12-14 / Revise PSY concentration

Hegel asked how many upper-division credits students must have in order to fulfill the PSY concentration requirements. Hill indicated that 12 credits must be upper division, in addition to the required SSCI S300 course. The total required will therefore be 15 and will match the number required in the concentration in the AY12 catalog.

Hill will check with initiating faculty member Amanda Sesko to determine whether any text is missing from the form (a plus sign in the corner of the PDF indicates hidden text).

[Per Amanda Sesko to Hill via email, no text is missing.]

Motion to pass first reading as amended by Ward; seconded by Buzby.
12-15 / Require C or better in Social Science program requirements

Hegel requested clarification on which courses the C requirement applies to. Hill clarified that students must receive a C or better in all SSCI courses and in all courses used to fulfill the primary or secondary concentration requirements.

Motion to pass first reading as amended by Buzby; seconded by Urata.

12-16 / New Course ANTH S348

Motion to pass first reading by McCarthy; seconded by Dalthorp.

12-17 / Suspend WGS minor

Motion to pass first reading by Ward; seconded by Buzby.

12-18 / Revise GEOG B.A. and B.S. degrees

Hegel indicated that all courses that are cross-listed GEOG and ENVS should probably include both designators in the degree requirements since the intent is to allow students to fulfill the GEOG requirements with ENVS courses if students take them as ENVS, rather than GEOG.

Hill indicated that GEOG faculty are concerned that the transcripts of students with GEOG degrees have substantial GEOG—not ENVS—coursework.

Hegel advocated strongly for the inclusion of both designators throughout the degree. Hill will discuss the issue with Eran Hood and report at the next curriculum meeting.

Next meeting will be January 27, 3.00 to 4.30 PM.

Minutes recorded by Erica Hill