

Curriculum Committee Minutes - Nov 10, 2005

Present: Alisa Clapp-Itnyre, Kumara Jayasuriya, Betsy Kirk, Robert Ramsey, Roberta Roswell, Walter Scott, Gregory Weber

Absent: Kathleen Kreamelmeyer

I. Minutes: The minutes for the meeting of October 10, 2005 are approved.

II. New course requests:

Biotechnology courses (revised 10/25/2005):

BIOL-T 101 Introduction to Biotechnology

CHEM-C 280 Introduction to Biochemistry

BIOL-T 201 Bioinformatics

BIOL-T 105 Basic Laboratory Techniques

Greg summarized email from Walter reporting Pam Connerly's answers to questions from the last meeting. There was no further discussion. Bob moved to approve the four new course requests; Roberta seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pam has sent the biotechnology degree proposal and two more new course requests. There was discussion of whether to present the four courses just approved to the Faculty Senate before or after the degree proposal itself. The meeting scheduled for November 17 is canceled because most committee members are unable to attend it. We decided to discuss the proposals by email and see if we can come to a vote on the degree proposal November 28. If we can approve the degree by email vote, we will present it first, at the Faculty Senate Meeting December 6, and then the new courses. Otherwise we will present just C280 so that it could be offered in spring 2006.

Greg will circulate the degree and two additional new course requests by email today.

III. From the master course list:

ENG-W 501 Teaching Writing in College

The course provides a way for graduate students to meet a requirement in the Professional Experience Program in writing (PEP). PEP is not a degree or certificate. The course would be taught "concurrently" with ENG-W 411 Directed Writing: Teaching Reading and Writing, as an "online component course." The course meets initially in the classroom a few times, then the rest of the course is done online.

Alisa will contact Edwina to ask the following questions:

1. What is the actual course number, W501 or G501? Does it have the ENG prefix?
2. What is the component that makes this course different from W411, makes it a graduate level course?

IV. Transfer credit policy

The policy states that a maximum of 60 credit hours can be transferred from such junior colleges. There was a brief discussion, which included these questions and observations:

- What is our goal in having such a policy?
- We additionally require something like 30 credit hours to be taken at IU East, whether the student is transferring from a two- or four-year institution.
- Each degree has specific requirements that included courses at the 300 and 400 levels.
- Can we invite Larry Richards to a meeting?