

Curriculum Committee Minutes Dec 15, 2005

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

Absent: Kathleen Kreamelmeyer

I. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of December 1 were approved.

II. Transfer credit policy (with Larry Richards).

Larry stated that the problem of articulation agreements exceeding the "maximum" transfer hours still exists; he has to make exceptions (as the existing policy allows him to do).

Roberta: We have a 30 hour residency requirement. How can we guarantee it is satisfied, given that ICN (Indiana College Network) courses are recorded as IU East courses?

Larry: Currently there is no way to do it. Perhaps divisions should do the checking, and warn students beforehand that the ICN courses don't count for residency. Jennifer Pebworth administers or coordinates the ICN.

Bob: Is 90 hours still too high?

Larry: No. IU now accepts some junior college courses at the 300 level. Course numbering can represent a sequence, as well as a "year." Larry has taught the same course, for example, at 200, 300, and 400 levels.

The practical issue is that we will have more and more degree completion students, and they'll need to pick up courses here and there. He would prefer that they take all their courses here, but that's not realistic.

Discussion by the committee after Larry departed:

Should a student be able to take 90 hours at Ivy Tech and 30 hours through ICN?

Should we raise the ICN issue? We have the 30 hour requirement; do we have the will to enforce it?

Greg suggested presenting three options to the senate: (a) 90 hours (i.e., no limit to transfer credits per se, but we require 30 hours taken in residence); (b) 72 hour limit (= 4 x 18); or (c) 60 hours limit. Present these options with their pros and cons, and have a discussion.

Bob: We're in a competitive environment now.

Kumara: Does anyone know what the other IU campuses do?
(Answer: nobody knows.)

Roberta: Do we have time to discuss it in senate?

Greg: Can we present our ideas with some research to back it up?

There are two requirements: one for credit hours at above the 200 level, and one for hours in the field of concentration.

III. Business Division proposed Minor in Entrepreneurship and new courses

A. Minor proposal

Comments:

1. Section IV on student outcomes needs to tie the outcomes to the campus learning objectives.

2. Section V describing the student population to be served should include more detail and persuasion; likewise Section VII describing the relationship to existing programs.

3. Section XI (should be IX) describing innovative features: should provide more detail and persuasion. Describe what kind of community interaction. Parts of Section VI could be used here.

B. New courses were not discussed due to lack of time.

C. Some members suggested we should put a good example of a minor proposal on our web site, such as Bob's from last year, and model new course, ECAP, and new degree proposals.

Submitted by: Gregory Weber