

Curriculum Committee Minutes - April 10, 2007

Present: Roberta Roswell, Gregory Weber, Mary Ann Morse, Walter Scott, Kris Dhawale, Bob Ramsey

1. Minutes of March 13 were approved with three corrections of spelling and punctuation.
2. Minor in Informatics

Discussion: Vice Chancellor Richards says that the Business Division is to house the Informatics program at first, but that ultimately it will be an interdisciplinary group.

3. Revision of degree requirements for the BS and AS in Business:

Discussion:

-- Why "dropping" COLI B330?

-- Do statistics courses from other divisions count for ECON E270?

In these days of crunched resources, it would be wise to consolidate the statistics courses, with a packet or a unit for each division's specialization.

There are four statistics courses on campus: in Nursing, BSS, ECON, and MATH.

-- Questions for the chair of the Business Division:

1. If statistics courses from other schools are accepted, then why not statistics courses from other divisions on our own campus?
2. The required course in ethics has disappeared. As the recently adopted General Education requirements are "minimal", a degree program could still require specific courses within the areas required by general education.

BUS J404, which is being added, covers some ethics. There's probably some ethics embedded in other courses, such as human resource development.

3. What is the impact on course scheduling and faculty teaching schedules?
4. What is the rationale for dropping some concentrations (which ones)?
5. What's the course schedule (cycling interval) for the courses in the concentrations? Do students need to declare their concentration up front so the courses can be scheduled?
6. ECON E103 and E104 can't be in both requirements E and F. They should be removed from E. Questions concerning the associate degree changes:

1. Same comment regarding statistics courses.
2. Is the general education requirement the same for AS and BS degrees?
3. No room for electives? It looks like A-F are already 60 hours.

Other comments:

- There should not be any hidden course requirements (i.e., COLI B330).
- Students in the BS with no concentration would have 30 hours of free electives.