

Curriculum Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Time: 11:00 p.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Where: Room 338 Tom Raper Hall

Attending: Ron Bingaman, Paul Kriese, Bob Ramsey (chair), Maureen Scane, Mort Seddighin. Not attending: Brenda Buckner, Teresa Henderson, Frances Yates (ex officio).

- I. Minutes of September 22, 2009, meeting approved.**
- II. New Course Request – BIO-L397 Addictions course**

This course request was sent back to Joan Lafuze after the committee's last meeting for clarification regarding prerequisites and possible course overlap with other courses. Joan agreed to create a prerequisite that states "One Year of College or Instructors Permission." Committee voted to recommend this course be brought forward as a voting item at the next faculty senate meeting.
- III. New Course Request – MUS-X401 Performance Seminar and Masterclass**

This course, using the number MUS-X410, was previously recommended by the curriculum committee and approved by the senate at its October meeting. In the remonstrance process it was discovered that MUS-X410 number was not available. Elliott McKinley has made a request to bring forward the same course that was previously approved by the senate as MUS-X410, now as MUS-X401. The committee recommends that the MUS-X401 course be brought forward as a voting item at the November faculty senate meeting.
- IV. New Course Request – ENG-W230 Writing in the Sciences**

Some committee members were concerned that English teachers would have difficulty teaching a Writing in the Sciences course because they might be unfamiliar with the specific nomenclature of the various scientific disciplines. Committee members suggested that the head of the writing department was competent to guide this course. Committee members assumed this course will fulfill the general education second writing course requirement. Committee voted to recommend this course be brought forward as a voting item at the next faculty senate meeting.
- V. New Course Request – ENG-W470 Senior Seminar – Professional and Technical Writing**

Some committee members were concerned that English teachers would have difficulty teaching a Professional and Technical Writing because they might be unfamiliar with the specific nomenclature of the various scientific disciplines. Committee members suggested that the head of the writing department was competent to guide this course. Committee voted to recommend this course be brought forward as a voting item at the next faculty senate meeting.

VI. Feedback from Schools regarding:

- a. Computer Literacy Policy** – HSS, the School of Nursing, and the School of Business reported to the curriculum committee that there is general consensus that the current computer literacy policy should be extinguished rather than revised. Suggestion is that the general education requirements should guide IU East computer literacy requirements.
- b. Second Degree Policy** – HSS, the School of Nursing, and the School of Education agree that the 30 hours of additional work required for a second degree should not be changed. NSM’s Peggy Branstrator has concerns that the 30 hour requirement is too high. Ron Bingaman will report about Peggy’s specific concerns at the next curriculum committee meeting.
- c. 100-200 and 300-400 level course differentiation** – Most discussion revolved around the fact that differentiation is not discussed in any IU policy and, because of the history of courses, it might be difficult or impossible to create a meaningful new policy. Many of the issues revolving around differentiation involve discipline-specific issues. Curriculum committee will continue to discuss this subject after further input is obtained.
- d. Institutional Degree Requirements – Minimum “C” requirement.** The School of Nursing suggested that reducing the “Minimum C” requirement would raise accreditation issues concerning the nursing program. HSS and the School of Education have a general consensus that students should be able to graduate if they simply “pass” a course required for distribution credits, and not be required to attain a grade of C.

VII. Next meeting scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10.

VIII. Adjourn