SIUE Curriculum Council  
Approved minutes: 2:30 to 4:00, April 21, 2011

**Members Present:** Zenia Agustin, Aminata Cairo, Denise Cobb, Ryan Fries, Eva D. Ferguson, Debbie Mann, Vance McCracken, Yvonne M. Mitkos, Geoff Schmidt, Johanna Schmitz, Deborah Smith, Laura Strom, Charles Thornton

1. **Program Review**
   Program Review report for SPPA from Gillian Acheson (Geography), James Panico (SPPA), Chris Bulock (Library).

   After presentations by the internal review committee and program director, the CC voted to approve SPPA as “in good standing.” (Motion by J. Schmitz, 2nd by C. Thornton. Approved).

2. **Approval of Minutes**

   b. Approval of Curriculum Council minutes from March 17, 2011. (Motion by V. McCracken, 2nd by A. Cairo).

3. **Reports**
   A. **Subcommittee Reports**
      **General Education:** Debbie Mann reported there are several changes in progress. Committee may work through the summer and conduct face-to-face meetings as needed. The report includes approved courses for DIST FAH, DIST NSM, IGR, DIST SS, and IS courses. CAS-1-137 from Music was not approved as a BFPA. The report included a list of pending requests that will need to be addressed by the new chair of the General Education Committee, tbd.

      **Academic Standards and Policies Committee:** Ryan Fries updated the CC on the +/- grade inquiry and recommended further study in 2011-2012 on the issue before bringing it to the full senate for review. Conclusions of the committee include:
      * “establishing a plus/minus grade system will help faculty refine their evaluation of student performance,
      * any proposal for change should ensure all faculty use the same system of grading
      * an “A” should be counted as a 4.0 and an A+ should be counted as a 4.25, where a maximum of 4.0 GPA is allowed each semester.” (ASPC report, 21 April 2011).

      Geoff Schmidt recommended that the ASPC conduct a literature review, investigation of peer institution use of +/- grading and the affect on students, survey SIUE students and faculty, ask the Office of the Registrar for input, and consider the affect upon transfer students coming to SIUE.
Undergraduate Programs Committee: Johanna Schmitz distributed UPC report with current program changes. CAS 09-272, 10-650, 10-113, SOE 10-628, BUS 10-10, 10-09, 10-08, 10-07.

Courses Committee: Vance McCracken distributed CC report. A total of 27 - 90A, B and C applications were approved. Some applications had to be returned to University Governance to be processed during 2011-2012.

Committee on Assessment: Denise Cobb reported that they have reviewed proposals for SRA funds and approved nine requests from programs ($39,733). COA distributed a call for proposals for the first annual SIUE Continuous Improvement Conference. The deadline for proposals will be pushed back to mid-May.

(Motion to accept all reports, Eva D. Ferguson, 2nd by Aminata Cairo. Approved.)

B. Additional Reports
   1. Provost’s Office, no report
   2. Instructional Services, no report
   3. Academic Advising, not present
   4. Graduation appeals, no report

4. Old Business

A. AQIP Curriculum Process Review Report
   1. Zenia Agustin described a new process for electronic preparation and review of curricular changes. She asked that we approve the AQIP request to eliminate “CurricUNET” from the AQIP proposal so that it would be in keeping with procurement guidelines. “Software” will replace any use of “CurricUNET” in new draft of proposal.
      (Motion to approve by Ryan Fries, 2nd by Vance McCracken)
   2. Zenia Agustin described “open access” for Form 90 and 91 applications would be provided through the CougarNet “portal” community of authorized users.
      (Motion to approve and forward to faculty senate executive council by Eva D. Ferguson, 2nd by Vance McCracken.) Approved.

5. New Business

   Geoff Schmidt asked for volunteers to fill vacancies on CC subcommittees.
   Chair: tba
   General Education: tba
   UPC: Eva D. Ferguson, chair
   Courses: tba
   ASP: Ryan Fries will continue as chair through 2011-2012

6. Adjourn

   Johanna Schmitz made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Zenia Agustin.