Members Present: Susan Wiediger (chair), Zenia Agustin, Denise Cobb, Allen Hunt, Eva Ferguson, Ryan Fries, Kay Gaehle, Daniel Mead, Craig Miner, Yvonne Mitkos, Melissa Thomeczek, Cheryle Tucker-Loewe, and Cory Willmott.

Excused: Lenora Anop, Mary Ettling, Tom Jordan, Greg Littmann, Stephanie Sandifer (student), Laura Strom (Z. Augustin alternate), and E. Duff Wrobbel.

Guests: Brian Hinterscher, Martha Latorre, H. Felix Lee, Phil Weishaar, and Huaguo Zhou.

1. New Business
To accommodate guests’ schedules, new business was started after announcements.

i. School of Education, Curriculum & Instruction, B.S. Early Childhood Education - Martha Latorre (Dept. Chair) presented the proposed changes that would mitigate the missing BICS course, including removing PSYC 111 (does not satisfy BICS\(^1\)). Phil Weishaar (School of Education) supported the change.

Motion to approve by Willmott, seconded by Thomeczek, and approved.

ii. School of Engineering, Mechanical & Industrial Engineering, B.S. Industrial Engineering - Felix Lee (Dept. Chair) presented the proposed changes that would mitigate the missing BICS course. This change included removing IME365 (no BICS designation) and replacing this requirement with STAT380 (which already has a BICS designation).

Motion to approve by Tucker-Loewe, seconded by Agustin, and approved.

2. Minutes Approved
Minutes from November 17th, 2011 meeting were approved with changes from a motion by Fries and a second by Thomeczek.

3. Reports
a. Standing Committees

i. Undergraduate Programs Committee – Eva Ferguson presented a form 91A from the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders. This form requests adding SPPA 497 as a new course and making SPPA452 optional. Discussion ensued.

Motion to approve by Willmott, seconded by Agustin, and approved.

ii. Undergraduate Courses Committee – Kay Gaehle presented three new courses (CJ 348, PHIL 348, and POLS 392) which will be cross-listed for a future pre-law minor. The committee noted that this was the first time that a course was cross-listed between three departments.

iii. General Education Committee – Wiediger presented that the committee decided on 33 form 90s, of which 20 were approved for a change to a general education designation and 13 were forwarded, although not approved for approval for a general education designation. These forms were forwarded for other committees for consideration of

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\(^1\) BICS = Breadth: Information and Communication in Society
other changes included. Agustin presented the last group of approved course designation changes under the Lincoln Program.

Motion to approve by Willmott, seconded by Agustin, and approved.

iv. Academic Standards and Policies Committee – Fries presented that the plus-minus grading survey had received 267 faculty and 2,019 student responses to date and that the committee planned on presenting their recommendations to the Council at their next meeting.

v. Assessment Committee – see attached

vi. Graduation Appeals Committee - No appeals have been received.

b. Additional Reports
   i. Enrollment Management - No report
   ii. Registrar – No report
   iii. Educational Outreach – No report
   iv. Academic Advising – No report
   v. Instructional Services – No report

4. Unfinished Business
   a. Undergraduate Proficiency Examination Policy – 1K4- Wiediger presented a synopsis of feedback from units that offer proficiency exams. Overall, only one department had strong opposition to elimination of in-class option for these types of exams. Mitkos reported that last academic year, 382 students took out-of-class proficiency exams through instructional services. Because some units still use both proficiency testing options, the council found no justification for further modification of the proposed policy changes (originally for alignment with the Lincoln Program). Wiediger will forward a brief statement of what the council has found during this investigation, to accompany policy 1K4 to the Faculty Senate.

   Motion to approve by Miner, seconded by Willmott, and approved.

b. Policies about interdisciplinary programs – Willmott and Hinterscher presented information on current practices on interdisciplinary minors at SIUE. The committee agreed to continue the discussion with the underlying issues at the next meeting.

5. Adjourn
   Willmott made a motion to adjourn and Agustin seconded.
   Meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm.

To: Curriculum Council
From: Denise Cobb, Director of Assessment
Date: December 15, 2011
RE: Report on Committee on Assessment Meeting

The Committee on Assessment (COA) met December 2nd. Denise Cobb presented the results of research done on Senior Assignment. Denise presented the data regarding students’ and faculty members’ perceptions and experiences with senior assignment. Data were collected by advanced undergraduate and graduate students in a sociology course. Additional data were collected by the Office of Assessment. COA members discussed the data and ways to support both faculty and students in the use of SRA data for continuous improvement efforts.