Members Present: Susan Wiediger (chair), Zenia Agustin, Lenora Anop, Scott Belobrajdic, Denise Cobb, Riza Demirer, Mary Ettling, Eva Ferguson, Ryan Fries, Valerie Yancey (for Kay Gaehle), Tom Jordan, Stephanie Sandifer (student), Laura Strom, Susanne James (for Melissa Thomeczek), and E. Duff Wrobbel

Excused: Cheryle Tucker-Loewe and Cory Willmott

Guests: Debbie Mann, João Sedycias, Wendy Shaw, Ken Witt

1. Minutes Approved: Minutes from March 15, 2012 meeting were approved with changes.

2. Announcements:
   a. ASP Report on plus/minus grading – will go to Senate on 5 April; second reading 3 May.

3. Program Reviews
   a. Foreign Languages and Literature:
      i. Ken Witt reported on the internal review teams activities and noted the department’s added language offerings, plans to add academic minors and the creation of the Foreign Language Training Center (FLTC).
      ii. The primary recommendations for the program were (1) creating a unifying vision (2) continued/expanded outreach efforts.
      iii. João Sedycias mentioned departmental advising as an ongoing activity and discussed efforts to work to bring more international and native speaking students and faculty to SIUE through university partnership programs. He also highlighted outreach activities directed toward the local Latino community as well as potential partnerships with other departments to offer foreign languages for the professions.
      iv. The committee asked questions about the number of students seeking a teaching credential (approximately 50%), plans for helping to create a unified departmental vision, possible reasons for the dissatisfaction with time for scholarship by faculty, and continuing efforts to engage the international student community through the department.
      v. The Faculty Senate Curriculum Council rates the Foreign Languages and Literature Program as needing improvement. The committee notes that given the recent changes in leadership, flagging the program for priority review will allow the department expedited feedback allowing them to solidify goals and gain momentum.

4. Reports
   a. Standing Committees
      i. Undergraduate Programs Committee – Eva Ferguson reported additional information collected with regard to SOE 12-800. Council approved SOE 12-800.
ii. Undergraduate Courses Committee – Lenora Anop reported on packet 9 approvals and holds; council approved. Tom Jordan made a motion that all courses that have been fully approved by the UCC may go to the May Senate meeting. Lenora Anop seconded. Motion passed.

iii. General Education Committee - A report of the Form 90s since 22 March was presented. Committee approved. The General Education Committee also noted an increased number of student appeals and has been working with CAS advising. A website outlining new freshman seminar options will soon be available.


v. Assessment Committee – See attached report

vi. Graduation Appeals Committee - No report

b. Additional Reports

i. Enrollment Management – The mean ACT score of students enrolled for Springboard in summer 2012 has increased to 23.4. Scott thanked Sue, Ryan and everyone for their prompt attention to the grading issues related to the updated 119 policy.

ii. Registrar – no report

iii. Educational Outreach – no report

iv. Academic Advising – no report

v. Instructional Services - no report

5. Unfinished Business

a. Sue plans to remain Curriculum Council Chair; 2 new members are being sought for the General Education Committee and the continuing General Education Chair and new committee members must be approved by the senate at the May meeting. Eva Ferguson was approved as continuing chair of the Undergraduate Programs Committee; Ryan Fries was approved as continuing chair of Academic Standards and Policies Committee.

b. Revisions to 119: The committee discussed the changes to 119 to include an additional grading option. A finalized version of the document will be sent to the committee electronically for a vote.

c. Timeline clarification for new courses and program and policies about interdisciplinary programs will be tabled until fall.

6. New Business

a. A document recommending an ad hoc committee Lincoln Program Implementation Troubleshooting within the Curriculum Council of the Faculty Senate was reviewed. Recommendations were made to include extending the life of the committee through Spring 2016, a possible representative from the Dean’s Council, and better clarification of what issues will be handled through this committee. A revised document will be sent to the committee electronically for a vote.

b. Cleaning up operating papers is tabled until fall 2012.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.