SIUE Faculty Senate Curriculum Council
Minutes, 15 October 2015
International Room, MUC

Participants
Members: Jeffrey Sabby (Chair), Nancy Lutz (for Aminata Cairo), Susanne James, Lenora Anop, Sorin Nastasia, Hoo Sang Ko (absent), Gerald O’Brien (absent), Ben Webb (for Dayna Henry), Jason Williams, David Kauzlarich, Ram Madupalli (absent), Liza Cummings (absent)

Student Senate Members: Luke Buettner, Alexandra Hurley

Ex-Officio Members: Scott Belobrajdic (absent), Laura Strom, Mary Ettling, Cheryle Tucker (absent), Yvonne Mitkos, Erin Behnen, Zenia Agustin, Matthew Schunke, Eric Ruckh

Meeting started at 2:31 PM.
Meeting agenda and materials were distributed.

1. Announcements
   a. None

2. Guest Speakers.
   a. Tim Ozcan (COA) – SET Research
      i. Results of the analysis of data collected from SETs that were sent to students of online and traditional courses were discussed. The purpose of the analyses were to 1) examine the validity of 11 SET items for online courses at SIUe and 2) examine whether there are systematic differences in how students rate instructors of traditional courses (see full report for the results of this analysis). The 11-items were significantly, positively correlated with 29 items the committee selected from a peer-reviewed paper on online course evaluations. It was proposed that the 11-item SET for online courses be submitted to the Faculty Senate for a vote to approve its use as the standard SET for online courses.

   b. Eric Ruckh (Honors Program) – SIUE Policy 1R2 and 1H2 changes
      i. University Honors Council proposes to: 1) aggregate Honors Policy 1R2 and 1H2 (move 1H2 to 1R2); 2) clarify terminology that is outdated and/or ambiguous (e.g., Dean’s Scholars and current GPA, respectively); 3) provide an opportunity for continuing and transfer students to be accepted into the Honors Program; and 4) enhance the Honors curriculum by expanding on the current requirements (two courses). The goal is to have these changes implemented by Fall 2016. The chief concerns among Council members were how the enhanced program would be funded in the long term (beyond FY2017) and how the increased workload for students may increase the load on Faculty in a time when morale may be low. This item was discussed further under the action items.

3. Consideration of Minutes
   a. 17, September 2015
      i. The minutes from 9/17 were not on SharePoint. Will be considered at the next meeting.

4. Action Items
   a. Cross-listing: Change to SIUE 1C1 Policy
      i. Approved by Graduate Council on 05/07/2015. There were concerns about the language in the first sentence in regards to shared space and shared instructors. There is strong opposition to the change in the Department of Biological Sciences in regards to last bullet (400-level courses for graduate credit). Jake Williams will email Jeffrey with those concerns and further discussions will be had with Susan Morgan.

   b. Honors Program
      i. Change to SIUE 1H2 Policy
No vote. Council decided to consider this the 1st read.

ii. Change to SIUE 1R2 Policy
   No vote. Council decided to consider this the 1st read.

5. Reports
   a. Standing Committees and Operations
      i. Undergraduate Programs Committee
         Jeff needs names of extra members that are outside of the Council.
      ii. Undergraduate Courses Committee
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      iii. Committee on Assessment
         No additional report beyond results of SET research.
      iv. Academic Standards and Policies Committee
         No report.
      v. General Education Committee
         Two previously tabled items were approved and added to list of courses that have been approved with designations.
      vi. Graduation Appeals Committee
         Two student appeals were considered and approved.
   
   b. Additional Reports
      i. Registrar – Laura Strom
         No report.
      ii. Educational Outreach - Mary Ettling
         No report.
      iii. Academic Advising – Cheryle Tucker-Loewe
         No report.
      iv. Learning Support Services – Yvonne Mitkos
         A lot of traffic and activity. Students using services.
      v. Assessment – Erin Behnen
         No report.
      vi. Enrollment Management – Scott Belobrajdic
         No report.
      vii. Honors Program – Eric Ruckh
         See previous items.

6. Unfinished Business
   a. Director of Assessment/Provost Office (FSCC Working Papers)
      Provost hasn’t agreed to fill position due to budget. Erin has asked committees if they would like her to attend in place of the Director of Assessment being the position would answer to her. Curriculum Council will take time to consider how we want to address the language of our operating papers.

   b. UPC and UCC submission software.
      Tabled.
   c. Fast Tracking or Expedite CC Review of Courses and Programs
      Jeffrey passed out a rough draft of a proposal and framework for setting deadlines for submitting requests for new/changed programs and courses. It was suggested that some
catalog content changes be permitted to go straight to the registrar rather than through committee review. Laura will write up a draft proposal for this process and send it to Jeffrey. Jeffrey will address this issue with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

d. Formation of a Task Force for possible 1C1 changes
   No movement on this item.

7. New Business
   a. No new business.

8. Public
   a. No comments.

9. Adjourn
   a. Motion to adjourn: Jake Williams
   b. Seconded: Nancy Lutz

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM