SIUE FACULTY SENATE CURRICULUM COUNCIL
Minutes, February 18, 2016
International Room, MUC

Participants

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

Student Senate Members: Luke Buettner (absent), Alexandra Hurley (excused)

Ex-Officio Members: Scott Belobrajdic (excused), Laura Strom, Mary Etling Cheryle Tucker (absent), Yvonne Mitkos (no replacement), Erin Behnen, Zenia Agustin, Jessica Harris, Eric Ruckh

Meeting Started at 2:35 pm

1. Foreign Languages Program Review

Brian Johnson, Chair of the Internal Review Team. The Chair discussed the review process and the fact that committee members sought clarification on the nature of the process due to the fact that it was a “flagged” review. This was largely due to the changes in leadership that have occurred in the program, and the need for direction so the department can move forward in a planned way. Dr. Johnson noted that the program seems to have greater stability than when the previous review was conducted. The major finding of the review team was that while the department has been assessing student learning in various ways, the coordination and central collection of assessment information needs improvement. Other concerns cited included the need to recruit additional students for low-enrollment majors as well as concerns about the University not sufficiently compensating faculty who devote time to developing and carrying out international student travel opportunities.

Tom Lavallee, Department Chair. Dr. Lavallee responded to the Chair statement. He noted that there have been challenges collecting and coordinating department assessment findings, but they have plans in place to assist in improving this process. He also discussed the challenges he had completing the department’s program review report given the fact that he had only recently taken on the Chair position when the report needed to be developed. Dr. Lavallee pointed out progress that the department was making in providing internships for students as well as coordinating with external groups, such as the International Studies program.

Dean Greg Budzban, CAS Dean. Dean Budzban responded to the report and Chair’s statement. He noted that Dr. Lavallee has done much to bring stability to the department
since taking on the Chair position, and felt that the department was moving in the right
direction. Dean Budzban reiterated the importance of a sound assessment system.

**General Discussion.** Committee members discussed issues related to the review with the
Drs. Johnson, Lavallee and Budzban. Some concern was noted about low enrollments in
certain majors (French, German) and the need to both recruit students and work with
major departments and CAS and academic advisors to increase the number of Foreign
Language minors.

**Committee Finding.** The Foreign Language department is in good standing, but needs
intervention in its low enrollment programs, especially German.

2. Early Childhood Education Program Review

**Martha Latorre, Program Director.** No representative from the Review Team was in
attendance, so Dr. Latorre described the review and responded to its findings. She noted
that many of the issues that pertain to the program (content, student retention and
preparedness to enter the field) are connected to the EdTTP state requirement for
licensure. In addition to other issues, the program is engaged in efforts to track students
as they progress through the program to make sure they pass the licensure test. Dr.
Latorre discussed the need for recruitment efforts for the Early Childhood Education On-
Site (EChOS) Program. It has been challenging, she noted, to find enough students to fill
this three-year evening program. Dr. Latorre also noted difficulties in finding classroom
spaces that are conducive to their pedagogy (e.g., craft activities) and that they are
working on revising their capstone. She also noted that while they are currently searching
for a tenure-track faculty, if this is a successful hire they will lose an Instructor who
teaches several more classes.

**General Discussion.** Committee members asked several questions for clarification,
especially related to the EChOS Program. Committee members noted that space issues
are problematic for everyone, but for a program with unique needs like early childhood it
is especially difficult.

**Committee Finding.** The Early Childhood program is in good standing. The Committee
agreed that a recommendation should be made to request at least one adjunct and that the
School should attempt to find a dedicated space that fits the specific pedagogic needs of
the early childhood program.

3. Guest Speakers

Leslie Daugherty, Pat Sears and Jennifer Harbaugh spoke to the Committee about the
inclusion of the International Baccalaureate Policy within the 1K2 policy. This is similar
to the AP Program, and occurs during the final two years of high school. A list of
proposed course equivalencies was passed around to the Committee, and changes were
unanimously approved by the Committee.
4. Reports
   a. Standing Committees

   i. Undergraduate Programs Committee (Jerry O’Brien and Sorin Nastasia)

   ii. Undergraduate Courses Committee (Hoo Sang Ko); 17 completed reviews

   iii. Committee on Assessment (Lenora Anop); Dr. Anop questioned whether there is need for clarification about the proper role of the various Council subcommittees and how they interrelate to one another. This issue arose in relation to the review of a proposed senior assignment.

   iv. General Education Committee (Jessica Harris); No report.

   v. Graduate Appeals (Laura Strom); three appeals considered, two were approved and one denied.

   b. Additional Reports

   i. Registrar (Laura Strom); undergraduate content being finalized and will be released to Marketing soon. Graduation audits on-going for spring. Hope to go live with electronic transcripts soon. New 2 + 2 agreements have been finalized for the following for Fall, 2016;
      • Nursing, Lake Land Community College
      • Art Studio, St. Charles Community College
      • Geography, Southwestern Illinois College

   Summer and fall registration will be opening on March 14. Advisors are planning to pre-register Springboard students beginning the first week in May.

   ii. Educational Outreach (Mary Ettling); No report.

   iii. Honors Program (Eric Ruckh); Honors curriculum to be in place by fall, 2016. Currently working on finalizing fall schedule and the development of a program assessment plan.

   iv. Assessment (Erin Behnen); Two additional Program Reviews have been completed and will come before the Committee before the end of the semester.
c. **Unfinished Business**

   i. UPC and UCC submission software; workflow has begun (Zenia Agustin)

   ii. Handout of Fast Track review forms 90cEZ and 91aEZ (Jeff Sabby). Committee will review and provide comments. Would like to have these forms completed and brought to May Senate meeting.

   iii. Need two Committee members for possible 1C1 changes. Sorin Nastasia and Dayna Henry volunteered.

d. **New Business**

   i. Discussion of the 1K2 (International Baccalaureate) Program. See above (Guest Speakers).

e. **Public comment opportunity offered, none provided**

f. **Meeting adjourned.**