SIUE Faculty Senate Curriculum Council  
Approved Minutes, 16 February 2017, 2:30 p.m.  
International Room, MUC

Members: Sorin Nastasia (Chair), Lenora Anop, Lakesha Butler, Igor Crk, Debra Jenkins, Nancy Lutz, Ramana Madupalli, Debbie Mann, Laurie Rice, Benjamin Webb, Jason Williams

Excused: Stacey Brown

Absent: None

Student Senate Members: Mallory McCune and Kiana Stevenson (both absent)

Ex-Officio Members: Scott Belobrajdic (excused), Laura Strom, Mary Ettling, Maureen Bell-Werner, Erin Behnen, Zenia Agustin, Matt Schunke, Eric Ruckh, Chad Verbais

Call to order: 2:30pm

1. Announcements
   a. The Program Review for Biological Sciences will take place in March (see documents on SharePoint)
   b. The Program Review for Mathematics and Statistics will take place in April

2. Consideration of Minutes
   a. 19 January 2017
      a. Approved, with the correction that the next meeting would be Feb. 16, 2017, not Feb. 17, 2017

3. Reports
   a. Standing Committees and Operations
      i. Undergraduate Programs Committee (UPC)
      Chair: Igor Crk – The committee approved CAS 16-283 on January 19, 2017. An open meeting for CAS 16-295, to add a Specialization in Law to the BA in Philosophy, will be held on February 17, 2017 at 2:00. There is one pending proposal from January (CAS 16-270R) that still needs a review and vote.
      ii. Undergraduate Courses Committee (UCC)
      Chair: Jason Williams – 10 Form 90s reviewed, all approved
      iii. General Education Committee (GEC)
      Chair: Matthew Schunke
         a. The committee approved an appeal from The Office of International Affairs to allow Global Cultures Experience on study abroad trips. All applications for new study abroad classes will require a justification for the trip to count as a Global Cultures Experience.
         b. The committee has formed two sub-committees to review New Freshman Seminar and IS courses. The goal is to assess how these are working as the Lincoln program has been implemented and to offer suggestions of possible changes to better meet the goals of the courses given budgetary and other constraints. All suggestions will be presented to the Curriculum Council and to the faculty.
iv. Academic Standards and Policies Committee (ASPC)
Chair: Stacey Brown – No report

v. Committee on Assessment (COA)

vi. Graduation Appeals Committee (GAC)
Report from Laura Strom – There were no appeals this past month.

b. Additional Reports
i. Enrollment Management – Scott Belobrajdic – No report.
ii. Registrar – Laura Strom – No report.
iii. Educational Outreach - Mary Ettling
   a. A report on CEUs (Continuing Education Units) and CPDUs (Continuing Professional Development Units) was distributed and posted on SharePoint. In 2015-2016 (7/1/15-6/30/16) there were 2107 CEUs and 82 CPDUs, up from 1919 CEUs and 50 CPDUs in 2014-2015 (7/1/14-6/30/15). These numbers will be updated again in Fall 2017.
   b. Some credit-based courses also fall under Continuing Education. For example, unduplicated students enrolled in corporate educational partnerships like the Accelerated RN to BS Option. Unduplicated students enrolled in the Accelerated RN to BS Option increased from 39 in 2014-2015 (Fall 2014-Summer 2015) to 117 in 2015-2016 (Fall 2015-Summer 2016). This has met and exceeded the performance indicator defined in SIUe’s 2015-2016 Strategic Plan that the number of unduplicated students enrolled in corporate educational partnerships should increase 10% (Long term goal 5, Outreach and Partnerships).

iv. Academic Advising – Maureen Bell-Werner
   a. Academic Advising is now doing advising for Fall 2017. They expect that numbers will pick up after Spring Break (registration for Fall 2017 begins after Spring Break on March 13, 2017).

v. Academic Innovation and Effectiveness – Erin Behnen
   a. (See the discussion of the Memo presented by EB on Program Review for Accredited Programs under New Business, 4.b. below)

vi. Supplemental Education – Chad Verbais – No report.

4. New Business
a. Sociology Department’s response to concerns about two proposed Sociology courses: SOC 317 (Sociology of Harry Potter) and SOC 360 (Sociology of Immigration). (Dr. Florence Maatita, who is proposing these courses, attended the FSCC meeting from 2:30-3:00 p.m.) Approval of these courses was denied by the UCC last Spring as being 300-level courses without prerequisites. (Apparently Nancy Lutz, the UCC committee member from Anthropology, which is a Social Science, missed this round of reviews; otherwise, she would have noted that it is in fact quite common in Social Science and Humanities courses to have 300-level courses that do not have prerequisites; thus, these two Sociology courses would not have been out of line in that regard). After considerable discussion, it was agreed that these two courses would be returned to the UCC for expedited review.
b. Memo from Erin Behnen on Program Review for Accredited Programs. This memo proposes an alternative program review process for undergraduate programs that are accredited by a specialized accrediting body, allowing the program to pull information from their accreditation self-study, their annual performance reports, and the recommendations from the external review by the accrediting body to address similar areas outlined in the internal review team program review template. Additional information, not included in the external accreditation review, would still be provided for program review. After considerable discussion, Zenia Agustin put forth a motion to “pilot an alternative process [in 2017-2018] where programs are given an option to use applicable accreditation data within the previous 2 years or use an internal review team”. Nancy Lutz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Sorin Nastasia noted that his term as FSCC Chair would end at the end of his third year on FSCC, which is this year, 2016-2017. FSCC members who are continuing on FSCC next year are eligible to be FSCC Chair for 2017-2018. Nominations or self-nominations should be sent to Sorin Nastasia.

5. Old Business
a. None

6. Public – No public comment

7. Adjourn – 3:49 pm

Next meeting March 16, 2017 at 2:30pm