

Faculty Curriculum Committee Minutes
Friday, February 24, 2017
Stern room 409

Present: Gayle Goudy (chair), Andrew Przeworski (secretary), Tom Carroll, Doug Friedman, Chad Galuska, Rick Heldrich, Gibbs Knotts, Nenad Radakovic

Registrar's Office: Mary Bergstrom, Julie Dahl, Jerry Mackeldon

Academic Affairs: Lynn Cherry

Presentation of the Agenda (Goudy)

Old Business

1. We approved the minutes from the January meeting.
2. Provost McGee updated us on the new Real Estate major. CHE indicated that the name was troublesome. The department and administration came up with the new name "Commercial Real Estate Finance". Because of CHE deadlines, this was done without first consulting with FCC and Senate. The FCC votes to approve of the change.
3. The BIOL internship has been updated and is now a graded course, but needs to be reviewed again by Academic Affairs. Since the P/F issue was a roadblock throughout, perhaps the FCC should still address the P/F issue.
4. There were some proposals that didn't make it to Academic Affairs by the submission deadline for March's meeting. If those proposals are left until next year, they'd have to be resubmitted through Curriculog. Should the FCC hold an April meeting to clear out these proposals, even though the Senate wouldn't consider the proposals until the Fall? Can the 16/17 FCC send proposals to the 17/18 Senate? Other committees do it. We voted to have an April 21 meeting. We may discuss the P/F issue and other broader curricular issues.
5. All curriculum proposals approved at our January meeting were passed by the Senate.

New Business

1. Variable topics (Peeples) ENGL has courses that are currently titled "Studies in ..." which are not eligible for special topics shopping. ENGL has submitted a proposal to make those courses actual Special Topics courses. However, there are other courses in other departments that are variable (but not "special") topics courses. Right now, programs can grant exceptions to allow

students to count variable topics courses toward the program. Part of the distinction is that special topics courses aren't meant to be repeated indefinitely, while variable topics courses can be. However, the special topics courses aren't actually being monitored by the Registrar. Lynn Cherry suggests that perhaps that monitoring role should be performed by the FCC rather than the Registrar. The solution to the shopping problem may be purely technical, by having the Registrar denote these courses as available for special topics shopping. Another solution is to simply encourage departments to change their variable topics courses to special topics courses. The FCC will create a policy (to be sent to the Senate) making the FCC responsible for monitoring repetition of special topics courses. We'll do this in OAKS, aiming for having the policy ready by our March meeting. There are concerns that by encouraging moving courses to "special topics", we're removing some of the FCC's oversight

2. New curriculum proposals:
 - a. SOST (Eichelberger)

Discussion: question about SOST not being in the catalog. Apparently it may be added soon.

Modifications: they've sent us a syllabus for the ENGL 361.

Decision: approved
 - b. CSCI (van Delden)

Discussion: Academic Affairs has now approved of the SLOs.

Modifications: none

Decision: approved
 - c. GEOL (Callahan)

Discussion: none

Modifications: none

Decision: approved
 - d. BADM (Mack)

Discussion: question about a change in the double counting restrictions that wasn't mentioned in the cover letter.

Modifications: BADM provided us with revised forms addressing changes that we'd requested.

Decision: approved
 - e. MKTG (Pitts)

Discussion: question about INTB 309 vs MKTG 309. Can students take both? Would students take both? Neither course is repeatable and the School of Business doesn't think that students would take both. Should these courses be cross-listed? Long discussion about whether or not these courses are identical and whether they should be combined/cross-listed.

Modifications: the MKTG 355 proposal from our January meeting has had a prerequisite added, as we suggested. The new MKTG proposals for this month have been revised addressing questions we raised in OAKS. They've produced new SLOs for the 425 form. MKTG/INTB 309 will be cross-listed.

- Decision: approved
- f. BPS (Gibbison)
 Discussion: there currently aren't institutional rules about certificates. Such rules are being drawn up. Should this proposal go forward before the certificate rules are written? Is there going to be a proliferation of certificates as programs seek students to fill classes? Question about how competencies differ from SLOs. The certificate rules should be approved by faculty.
 Modifications: the certificate is being tabled until certificate rules are written
 Decision: we approved adding PSYC 333/334 to the BPS electives. We also voted that the rules for certificates should go through the faculty approval process.
- g. RELS (Siegler)
 Discussion: question about whether the course encourages dialog. The SLOs on the program form aren't relevant to the proposal. The assessment chart on the course form doesn't address how well students should do. Should the course be cross-listed with ENSS? No, but it will eventually be added to their elective list.
 Modifications: they're going to submit new assessment charts.
 Decision: approved pending chair's approval of SLOs
- h. SPAN (Del Mastro)
 Discussion: question about the program change propagating to the SPAN teacher ed program.
 Modifications: adding SPAN teacher ed to the signature page
 Decision: approved
- i. ENSS (Welch)
 Discussion: question about nomenclature – should business courses be in a category labeled “Social Science and Humanities”
 Modifications: none
 Decision: approved
- j. INTL (Friedman)
 Discussion: none
 Modifications: none
 Decision: approved

Upcoming Business

1. The next FCC meeting is 3pm March 24 in Stern 409