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Educational Policies Committee
Meeting Minutes
01/24/17
4:30 p.m., Old Main 127

Present: Faculty: Ann Ericson, ~~Taddy Kalas~~, Brian Leech, ~~Jason Mahn~~, Todd Miller, Jane
Rose (for Dave Dehnel), David Snowball, Forrest Stonedahl, Shara Stough,
James Van Howe

Students: Allan Daly, ~~Samantha DeForest-Davis, Jacob Devos-Roy, Michelle Henry~~,
Christopher Saladin

Ex Officio Members: Liesl Fowler, ~~Wendy Hilton-Morrow~~, Mike Egan

Guests:

Start Time: 4:32

End Time: 5:12

I.   Approval of Minutes from 1/10/17 ***Approved as submitted.***

II. Continuing Business:
A discussion of how best to address the tabled portion of our motion on the semester
transition. The table motion addresses the question of how EPC would consider large-
footprint majors. Our original proposal required that programs with more than 32
departmental credits be required to justify the exceptional load. That was amended to
forbid majors above 32 departmental credits except when external agencies require it.
The amendment was amended to proscribe majors whose total footprint was above 40
credits (32 base plus 8 supporting).

Procedurally, when it comes off the table that would be the order in which we had to
debate it: the amendment to the amendment, the amendment, then the motion.

We might attempt an end-run by offering a substitute motion for that whole package.

Discussion:
  – *Current results from the survey were shared in a handout.*
  – *The semesters will require 120-128 credits to graduate.*
  – *There are 2 things that will be voted on at the next faculty meeting: The number of
    credits required to graduate and whether to start calendar before or after labor day.*
  – *Other things to be decided are the number of credits paid for by full time tuition.*
  – *Let's offer a substitute motion. Yes!*
  – *Small programs should be able to grow up to 32 without justification. You have to be
    able to staff it…budget neutral.*
  – *Majors above 32 may not exceed the current footprint without justification.*
  – ***David will come up with wording for the substitute motion and bring it back to next
    meeting.***
  – ***David will send out the spreadsheet with the credit ranges.***

III. New Business

A. New course proposal (MENT 201, Media Production) offered in support of an eventual Media and Entertainment Industry certification offered by the folks at Fresh Films. Their contract with the college requires that they teach two courses in 2017-18 and that they propose creation of an academic program (likely a certificate or multidisciplinary minor) thereafter.

Discussion/Questions:
  – *Fresh Films is broken into 3 groups who work on projects: the professionals, the college students and the high school students.*
  – *Contract requires that they teach 2 courses next year.*
  – *Teach students both the art and the profitable side of the business.*
  – *Change MENT to ENTI (entertainment industry).*
  – *Computer Science is making a video game of one of their movies, so there is opportunity for interdisciplinary work.*
  – *This will not be an academic department.*
  – *This would be great for a J term since they are used to doing condensed workshops.*
  – *They are not faculty but independent contractors.*
  – *Is there going to be more to ENTI besides the 2 classes? Part of the "Certificate" will be many out of classroom hours. Maybe a capstone project.*
  – *Are there particular majors that are targeted for this? There are some natural fits in the fine arts, but any student can participate.*
Proposal approved.

B. Proposal to move POLS 334, Politics in the Arab World, online for a summer course.

Discussion:
  – *Summer online – in favor of.*
  – *Chris took last year and says it will easily convert to online.*
  – *They would need to have assessments in place to compare the performance of online vs classroom.*
Proposal approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Oliger