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Educational Policies Committee
Corrected Meeting Minutes
9/12/17
4:30 p.m., Old Main 127

Present: Faculty: Jacob Bancks, Tim Bloser, Dave Dehnel, Ann Ericson, Matt Fockler, Taddy Kalas, Brian Leech, Shara Stough, Jim Van Howe
Students: Allan Daly, Chris Wilson, Adam Gronewald, Andrew Thumann, Michelle Henry
Ex Officio Members: Liesl Fowler, Wendy Hilton-Morrow, Rob Elfine
Guests: Jane Rose, John Delaney, Chris Marme, Amanda Baugous
Start Time: 4:32
End Time: 6:21

I. Approval of Minutes from 9/5/17 (approved)

II. New Business: Semester Transition

A. Scheduling

There are typos in the schedule. Shara updated it and gave it to Dave. Dave will get it out.

B. EPC Guidance Document/template

Questions/Discussion:
– Ask for opening paragraph.
– Specify max of 4 credits of non-standard courses (7 weeks).
– Beef up language supporting of gen ed. Kristen is coming up with needed numbers for 101s & 102s.
– Language in the size of major is different. Cut the 28-32 phrase and leave the phrase about above 36 needs explanation.
– Clarify that the footprint means major + supporting courses.
– Need an explanation if you expand your footprint.
– Jane will get with Dave to update the template and should be done by Friday.

C. Political Science Proposal.

Questions/Discussion:
– Minor has changed. Course descriptions have been revised. Can we move it on?
– Do we have resolution on the course description thing? Yes, we were told that they should be different. They can be modified until things go live 2020. EPC doesn’t have to hang things up because of descriptions.
– Why can’t you use the same descriptions; the description isn’t what indicates the amount of work, the syllabus is? The Admin thinks it will raise a red flag with HLC.

Motion to approve Political Science Major was made by Brian Leech and seconded by Allan Daly. Motion carried.

D. Business Proposal/International Business Proposals

Questions/Discussion:
– Staffing – Econ courses still taught by Business and Econ teaches stats.
– No new course during J-term, but have a few other courses that can be offered. Stats will always be offered during J-term and one of our electives or the innovation class with a trip.
– A few non-standard 7 week courses, but none are required and not more than 4 credits a term.
– Our footprint is about the same, and the Int Bus footprint is reduced.

Motion to approve Business/International Business majors was made by Tim Bloser and seconded by Jim Van Howe. Motion carried.

E. Accounting Proposal

Questions/Discussion:
– 202 is 2 credits and could be tied to another 2 credit course so it can be offered over a J term.
– We want students ready to do internships by the time senior year rolls around.
– A lot of students will do their internships in the summer without credit because of cost.
– Accounting students double major so they are doing SI in another major, usually business.
– The SI is incorporated in the Intermediate courses. Will that be sufficient for Gen Ed?
– If SI was tied to the internship, there would need to be an SI for those who do not do an internship or do one without credit.
– As long as the internship incorporates a class so that it goes across the whole term, then you can use the non-traditional classes at the end of the term as long as they don’t go over 4 credits.
– The 2 credit elective courses will not have any effect on faculty load.
– Course descriptions will be tweaked.
– Student learning objectives are the same.
– They have to have an ethics course in order to sit for the CPA exam.
– How does the CPA relate to the college’s objectives?
Dave will send questions to John.

F. Economics Proposal

Questions/Discussion:
– Nicely explained proposal, very thorough.
– 27-32 credits of econ – staffable? Dropping number of sections and making sections a little larger, so yes.
– 200 course could be taken as a J term and can now be taken as a first year. It is a gateway class and is a requirement for many other majors.
– Clever way of doing the senior inquiry.
Motion to approve a 36 credit major and have them report back on how they want to do it was made by Adam Gronewald and seconded by Chris Wilson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Julie Oliger