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Educational Policies Committee
3/15/16
4:30 p.m., Old Main 127
Meeting Minutes

Present: Faculty: Tim Bloser, Dave Dehnel, Ellen Hay, Reuben Heine, Randy Hengst, Taddy Kalas, Forrest Stonedahl, Shara Stough
Students: Allan Daly, Jacqueline Jastrzebski, LaDonna Miller, Christopher Saladin
Ex Officio Members: Liesl Fowler, Wendy Hilton-Morrow, Brian Katz

Guests

Absent: Vicki Phipps

Start Time: 4:32

End Time: 5:25

I. Approval of Minutes from 2/9/16 (**approved**)

II. Continuing Business

A. Education Department: Reading Teacher Endorsement

The Education Department proposes coursework which will allow students to complete a Reading Teacher Endorsement for the state of Illinois. This proposal includes three courses, two of which have a field experience component.
EDUC 354 Remedial Teaching Methods (3 credits); EDUC 354C: Remedial Reading Clinical (1 credit)
EDUC 355 Reading in the Content Areas (4 credits)
EDUC 456 Assessment & Diagnosis of Reading Problems (3 credits); EDUC 456C Reading Diagnosis Clinical (1 credit)
Supporting Material: Reading Endorsement proposal, recommendation to add course forms, syllabi, response to EPC Questions from Randy Hengst

Questions/Discussion:

- The special fee to cover the summer school courses is an option at trying to keep the cost down. The way students will be charged for this has not been decided. This committee doesn't approve any fee structure.*
- Because of the Elementary Education curriculum track one course (Reading in the Content Areas) will need to be held in summer. The Course maybe traditional, online or a combination of both. Juniors will be in town because of the transitional housing lease requirements, so a traditional classroom setting will work for those students.*
- There was a long discussion on the cost to the student with a reminder that we do not approve fee structures.*

- *There was a concern on the heavy course load for the student who chooses to do this. Would taking the endorsement classes take away other options such as the Jamaica trip?*
 - *Taking the Endorsement is optional, not required. Would not taking it look bad for the student?*
 - *Augie students do not compete with each other on the job market, so the having it on the resume is a positive.*
 - *Reading endorsements are in high demand by principals of elementary schools and that is the incentive to offer this as an option with the undergrad. Not many institutions offer it as part of the undergrad program.*
 - *Does adding this impact the rest of the education department's offerings?*
- A motion to approve the Reading Teacher Endorsement was made by Forrest Stonedahl and seconded by Rueben Heine. **Motion carried 6 - 3 with 3 abstentions.***

III. New Business

- A. New Political Science Course: POLS 348 Politics in Brazil [PS,G] (for Brazil foreign study program)
 Supporting material: Recommendation to add course form, syllabus, PS and G forms (PS and G have been approved by the Gen Ed Committee)

*Motion to approve POLS-348 and to renew the Brazil program was made by Ellen Hay and seconded by Jackie Jastrzebski. **Motion carried.***

- B. Biology proposal to drop BIOL 150 from the major and course offerings
 Supporting material: memo from Jason Koontz

*Motion to approve proposal to drop BIOL-150 was made by Ellen Hay and seconded by Forrest Stonedahl. **Motion carried.***

- C. International and Off-Campus Programs Committee: Proposal to Renew the Brazil Program
 Supporting material: numerous documents from IOPC

Approved with A. (above)

- D. International and Off-Campus Programs Committee: Proposal to Renew the Nicaragua Program
 Supporting material: numerous documents from IOPC

*Motion to approve the renewal of the Nicaragua Program was made by Jackie Jastrzebski and seconded by Chris Saladin. **Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Jo Oliger