Academic Policy & Curriculum Committee
April 13, 2016, WCG322, 12:30-2:00pm

Minutes

Present: John Taylor Matthews as sub for Omer Adam, Andrea Coker-Anderson, Jane Compson, Robin Evans-Agnew, Jeff Cohen, Lauren Montgomery, Patrick Pow, Evelyn Shankus, Eric Bugyis, Anthony Falit-Baiamonte, Jenny Quinn, Justin Wadland. Jenny Sheng.
Absent: Kathy Beaudoin, Lorraine Dinnel.

I.   Consent Agenda
The 3/9/16 meeting minutes were approved.

II.   New Courses
Discussion: For TPSYCH 440, the committee noted that the grading scale might receive push-back from students as it doesn't follow a typical scale. It is within the instructor's purview to set their courses' grading scale as long as it is noted in the syllabus. APCC chair, Lauren Montgomery, will reach out to instructor to make sure that she is aware of potential student complaints due to the grading scale. Initially, it was thought that TEDUC 310 was in need of a Memo of Responsibility due to the quarter it was indicated to be made effective, and was approved pending that addition. But, upon further investigation, only course changes require a MoR, not new courses. Since TIAS 495 is a Creative Learning Project, the SLO's will be set for each student's project separately, so it does not require revised SLO's.
Vote: The following new course proposals were approved [Evelyn Shankus moved, Robin Evans-Agnew second: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (9 eligible to vote):
          TBIOMD 490 – Global Impact Experience
          TIAS 495 Independent Creative Project
          TPSYCH 440 – Applied Community Projects in Env. Psych.
          TEDUC 310 – Racism and Schools (+ Diversity proposal)

III.   Programs
PNOI Discussion: Master of Science in Information Technology
Feedback given to IT interim Director, Raj Katti: check with Library and IT to talk about resources and supplies. APCC members concurred that it is important to continually remind units who are putting forth new programs that the support services will need to grow along with the program's growth. The committee also discussed the need for updating the Stakeholders' Checklist (to include the correct personnel) and the need for posting examples of successful PNOI's since there is not an exact form/format required. FA Admin will post example PNOI's.
New Program Discussion: Members agreed that this will be a popular minor. No issues.
Vote: The following new program proposal was approved [Jane Compson moved, Robin Evans-Agnew second: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (9 eligible to vote):
          Minor – Technical Communications

IV.   Graduation Petitions
Discussion: One petition asked that a course which doesn't have a Diversity Designation, count toward that requirement. This course meets the D designation requirements within its syllabus. From this issue came the idea to reach out to units and ask them to look for already established courses that could qualify for this designation. The two other petitions asked for an exemption to the Residency Requirement Policy as the students had exceeded the amount of DL courses that should be taken in a student's senior year.
Vote: The 3 graduation petitions were all approved.

V.   Other Business

Presentation: Chair, Lauren Montgomery, asked the committee a question from Curriculum Management: Each major will be asked to give a short narrative to be posted on the UW website. Does APCC want to review each of these for UW Tacoma?

Discussion: Though the committee discussed that there should be some quality control, they decided that this was not within their purview as a committee.

Announcement: The DL review policy passed in the Executive Council on 4/6/16. It is now posted at the APCC site within the Faculty Assembly webpages. As some units have pushed back against the new policy, Lauren has told them that within Article XII of the Faculty Assembly Bylaws, it states that units may interpret and implement policies as they see fit.

VI.   Adjourn