

University of Washington, Tacoma
Curriculum Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 12:30 p.m.

Present: Ruth Rea, Tom Diehm, José Rios, Kent Nelson, Jennifer Gogarten, John Mayer

Absent: Yonn Dierwechter,

Guests: Bobbe Miller-Murray, Jennifer Sundheim, Patrick Pow

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 12/15/10 were approved, 5-0-0.

2. New Course Applications

TESP 513: Approved with the following changes. In the Course Description, please reword the second sentence to begin with a vowel and parallel in construction to the first sentence. Return to José when complete.

TEDUC 505: Approved with the following changes. Change effective date to 2011 (not 2010). Rewrite the Justification to get rid of “fulfills a void” and like language. Filling “gaps” in the curriculum is not sufficient justification for offering a course; there needs to be a pedagogically sound reason. Also, there are multiple typos and grammar errors in the justification; please clean that up. In the Course Description, please use consistent verbs (all present tense). The learning objectives as stated in the syllabus and as stated on the application form are inconsistent; these need to match (including appropriate numbering). It is a friendly suggestion to move the grading grid closer to the assignments so students can more easily locate how assignment weighting impacts their grade. Return to José when complete.

TEDUC 507: Approved with the following changes. Check of “Permanent CR/NC grading only”. The phrase “evidence based” needs to be hyphenated wherever it appears. These changes were made by the committee onto the form and no further action is needed.

TSUD 444: Approved with the following changes. A friendly suggestion to change the Abbreviated Title to something like Green Int'lism & City (“intern” needs to come out). In the Course Description you need to add the pre-requisite (apparently TSUD 222) to the description. The syllabus contains a long-outdated DSS statement; please update for all future submissions. Grading criteria for papers are listed, but not for the course. Either add the course grading rubric, or provide the link to it at the UWT website. Return to José when complete.

TINFO 445: This is a resubmission from last month, as requested by the committee. Approved with the following change. Delete the word “laboratory” from the final phrase of the Catalog Description, so that it now reads “...hands-on exercises.” This change was made by the committee onto the form and no further action is needed.

3. Course Change Applications

TNURS 340: Approved with the following changes. The syllabus contains an outdated DSS statement; please update this for all future submissions. There are several “track change” or “cross-outs” toward the end of the syllabus that need to be fixed. Return to José when complete.

TNURS 402: Approved as is.

4. 1503 Application – Healthcare Leadership: Approved as is.

5. Transition Plan for 2011-12

At this time, it appears that only Kent Nelson and Yonn Dierwechter of the voting membership will be returning to the committee next year. We also will be losing Bobbe Miller-Murray as registrar to retirement. Patrick Pow and Jennifer Sundheim will be continuing as regular guest contributors to the group. Jose has been talking with Marcie Lazzari, Faculty Assembly Chair, about the situation and how we might facilitate a smooth transition.

Current members who are finishing their terms should be talking with their Programs about possible replacements; perhaps someone who has served on the committee in the past and would be willing to return to it. We will revisit this subject at the next meeting.

6. Other Business: None

7. Next Meeting & Adjournment

February 16, 2011, 12:30 in CP 206C. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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