

University of Washington, Tacoma
Curriculum Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, October 22, 2008, 12:30

Present: Dan Zimmerman, Kent Nelson, Tom Diehm, Brian Coffey, Divya McMillin, Jose Rios (by phone)

Absent: Ruth Rea (teaching 12:45-3:30 pm)

Guests: Patrick Pow

1. Approval of Minutes

Deferred to November meeting.

2. Meeting Schedule and Deadlines

Deferred til November meeting.

3. Course Applications

NOTE: Patrick noted that as faculty are developing their syllabi, they need to be careful about just “cut and paste” of previous material. For example, the old “Center for Teaching, Learning, & Technology” is not “The Learning Center,” although many new syllabi do not reflect that. Please point this out to your faculties as they develop new courses.

TCOM 247: Approved pending changes. Change “studies” to “students” in the final sentence of the justification. Return to Jose when completed.

TESC 110: Approved pending changes. Standardize the learning objectives in the syllabus and on the application form. Return to Jose when completed.

TESC 202: Approved pending changes. Drop the “60% of the points” statement in the application form. Return to Jose when completed.

TESC 370: Approved pending changes. In the Catalog Data section, change “we include” to “includes” in the final sentence.

TESC 406: Returned to program for change and full resubmission. It is noted that 5 hours of lab time plus 2 hours of lecture time does not constitute a 7 credit class (as is indicated on page 1 of application). Talk with Jose about developing a more realistic credit allotment for this course. The Justification section needs to address the actual need for this course within in the context of the TESC curriculum. While it is a good description of the class, it is not a justification for offering it. The Catalog Data should be

“beefed up” with more indication of what historical ecology is. Some of the content currently in Justification might be more appropriate here. Drop the word “introduces” from the Catalog Data, as a 400-level course should be beyond introduction of material. Experience tells us it will be rejected by the Seattle committee if “introduction” is part of the data. Under section 4c, please drop the sentence about “60% of the point...” and the sentence about an oral presentation (since it does not appear that any part of the grade is dependent on this presentation). Under Learning Objectives, drop the first paragraph. All that needs to be present is *student* learning objectives (i.e., the four items listed). This course will need to be resubmitted to the committee in full.

TIBCIN 410: Returned to program for change and full resubmission. The Justification section needs to address the actual need for this course within in the context of the IAS curriculum. There is a friendly suggestion that the Abbreviated Title be re-thought as it doesn’t really indicate what the course is about (recommended but not required). Specific learning objectives need to be developed for this course. This course will need to be resubmitted to the committee in full.

TSMIN 350: Returned to program for change and full resubmission. ALL CAPS in Abbreviated Title section. The Justification section needs to address the actual need for this course within in the context of the IAS curriculum. Learning objectives need to be more clearly designated for this course: drop the first sentence of the Learning Objectives section. There was a friendly suggestion that course numbering might want to be in line with TSMIN 433 on Nazi Germany (e.g., 333 and 433; recommended but not required). This course will need to be resubmitted to the committee in full.

TSMIN 433: Course change pproved as is.

TBUS 100: Approved. Jose will make change to ALL CAPS in Abbreviated Title section directly.

TMGMT 465: Approved. Jose will check off the “permanent CR/NC grading” box in section 1

TMGMT 466: Approved as is.

TBECON XXX: The initiation of a TBECON prefix was approved. The accompanying course changes to impacted classes were also approved.

TCRIM 361: Approved pending changes. Change course title to: Addictions and Mental Illness in Criminal Justice. Change Abbreviated title to: ADDICTNS & MENT ILL. Return to Jose when complete (per post-meeting request by Tom Diehm).

4. Annual Goals

Deferred to November meeting.

5. Next Meeting

The November meeting itself has been tentatively moved to Thursday, Nov. 20 at 12:30 p.m. Jose will follow up with this and confirm.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Diehm, PhD, MSW
Committee Member