

Minutes
University Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Tuesday, April 8, 2008
16A Leonard Hall

I. Call to Order 3:30

Present: Carranza, Gu, Hannibal, McCombie, Norris, Peterson, Potts, Scandrett, Sechrist, Werner, Wilkie

Excused: Numan, Pearlman, Sadler

II. Approval of Minutes from April 1, 2008 Curriculum Committee Meeting. On a Scandrett/Peterson motion, the minutes were approved with corrections.

III. Co-Chairs Report

- a. Sechrist discussed her email message to the Committee about the last Rep Council meeting and concerns about Liberal Studies Revision including budget concerns. Potts added that Rep Council members also brought up issue of caps on class sizes and a lack of a rationale for the revision. Sechrist talked with the Provost about the issue of sufficiency of faculty complement to teach the proposed oral communication and foreign language course requirements in the future.

Gail Wilson, a member of the Liberal Studies Committee and the Liberal Studies Revision Steering Committee, spoke to the Committee on behalf of Mary Sadler, regarding elements of the proposed Liberal Studies Revision; she said there are resource issues but that has been taken into consideration. Several departments have supported the teaching of an oral communication course.

Werner said the analysis of faculty needs are sufficient; foreign language might be a little on the high side (study abroad not factored in); calculation the for oral communication faculty is a little on the high side; probably talking about a need for 7 positions for oral communication and foreign language faculty complement; it is probably a wash between old program and new program; he suggested scheduling discussion sessions again to be as open to hearing from faculty as possible and that people wanted to speak at the last Senate meeting and they should be given the opportunity. Gail Wilson commented that the same people show up for the town meetings; she would like suggestions on getting a better cross-section from the university. Hannibal suggested a town hall meeting at conclusion of the Senate meeting this month. Scandrett also agreed about Gail W.'s comment on the same people showing up at town hall meetings and commented that people aren't looking globally at the revision. Scandrett also expressed concern about perceptions regarding caps and enrollments when department chairs are being told they're going to lose these things. Gail Wilson also said we can't control budget and enrollment even if no revision takes place. Scandrett says people are afraid of changing because they see things being taken away from them. Carranza said it's helpful to give people more opportunity and time; people say they're being pushed.

IV. Items for Review/Possible Action:

- A. Honors College Committee Report:
- No report
- B. Liberal Studies Committee Report:
- No report

- C. 07-54b SAFE 412 Hazard Prevention Management II, course revision. On a Hannibal/McCombie motion, the proposal was approved.
- D. 07-31c EDHL 308 Language for Deaf and Hard of Hearing and English Language Learners (was Language for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons), course revision, course title change, catalog description change. On a Peterson/McCombie motion, the proposal was approved.
- E. 07-31e EDHL 329 Teaching Collaborative Practicum I, course revision, catalog description change. On a Peterson/McCombie motion, the proposal was approved.
- F. 07-31f EDHL 330 Teaching Collaborative Practicum II, course revision, catalog description change. On a Peterson/McCombie motion, the proposal was approved.
- G. On a Scandrett/Peterson motion, action was tabled on (07-31g EDHL 360 General Methodology for Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons I; 07-31h EDHL 361 General Methodology for Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons II; 07-31i EDHL 451 Reading for Deaf/Hard of Hearing and English Language Learners [was Teaching Reading to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons]; 07-31j EDHL 465 Parent and Preschool Programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons and the program revision [07-31b Deaf Education (was Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons)]), until there is a resolution on the following issues:

The Committee requests a letter of support/acknowledgement from Professional Studies and information about what the rest of the SSHE system is doing; Hannibal said her department was not consulted about the revisions and that the proposed program does not address elementary education standards but students would be certified in Elementary Education, K-6; McCombie said EDHL's answer is that it is approved by PDE and compares "highly qualified" at the State level to courses her department offers; Sechrist said that Dee Klien had told her that she had tried to work with Professional Studies on the revisions. Mary Anne, however, stated that as chair of her department's curriculum committee she was not contacted and was unaware of anyone else in her department being contacted.

Hannibal said in 2009, the dual cert. has to be within 130 credits according to PDE and there needs to be an understanding between the two departments with regard to Elementary Ed certification; Carranza asked what would satisfy Hannibal's department's condition for approval; Hannibal suggested a letter to her department assuring it that, in 2009 when the certification changes, the EDHL program doesn't get "a by." McCombie stated that it was made clear to her and TECC that it was a temporary fix. Sechrist says PDE is forcing the change and there is a definite deadline for education programs. Peterson asked the Committee if a letter of acknowledgment isn't required as a matter of practice when another department is affected. Scandrett asked if subject matter experts could be brought into the methods courses to satisfy Hannibal's department's concerns. Hannibal confirmed that at least one of the courses doesn't give enough depth for elementary education expertise. Norris asked if PDE has approved this program and certification in elementary education in other SSHE schools. Hannibal responded that she did not know, but that ACIE standards were not being followed. The Committee discussed that an exemption can be given for a 4th time for special topics course offerings until the issue can be settled.

Scandrett expressed concern about approving a revision that we might be sorry about later--that would set a precedence because we know that once something is in the catalog rarely changes quickly. The Committee was not really convinced of the need to revise the program in this academic year based on the information received so far, since it will need to be revised again next year. Concern was

also expressed about the possible short changing for IUP student teachers and their eventual pupils by approving this program for one year.

- H. 07-57 B.S. Athletic Training (was BS—Physical Education and Sport/Athletic Training), catalog description change, program title change. On a Peterson/Carranza motion, the proposal was approved. Sechrist will double-check program description changes with proposer.
- I. 07-58a CHEM 101 College Chemistry I, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- J. 07-58b CHEM 102 College Chemistry II, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- K. 07-58c CHEM 111 General Chemistry I, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- L. 07-58d CHEM 112 General Chemistry II, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- M. 07-58e CHEM 113 Concepts in Chemistry I, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- N. 07-58f CHEM 114 Concepts in Chemistry II, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- O. 07-58g CHEM 116 Basic Inorganic Chemistry, course deletion. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- P. 07-58h CHEM 255 Biochemistry and Nutrition, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- Q. 07-58i CHEM 301 Introduction to Chemical Research, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- R. 07-58j CHEM 323 Analytical Methods, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- S. 07-58k CHEM 493 Internship, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- T. 07-58l CHEM 340 Physical Chemistry for the Biological Sciences, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- U. 07-58m CHEM 341 Physical Chemistry I, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- V. 07-58n CHEM 343 Physical Chemistry Laboratory I, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- W. 07-58o CHEM 344 Physical Chemistry Laboratory II, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information.
- X. 07-58p CHEM 441 Advanced Physical Chemistry, catalog description change. This will be forwarded to Senate for information after Graduate acknowledgement.

Adjourned 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Wilkie