

Minutes of Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee
Thursday September 6, 2012
Heth Hall Room 018

Present: Candice Benjes-Small, Julia Castleberry, Kurt Gingrich, Rhett Herman, Cathy Hudgins, Kerry Kopf, Bob Sheehy, Stockton Massie (sub for Charles Manyara)

Absent: Margaret Hrezo

- I. Call to order: 3:30pm by Jerry Kopf
- II. Introductions of committee members
- III. Elections: Cathy Hudgins was elected committee chair, Rhett Herman was elected secretary
- IV. Review of last year's continuity report
 - a. The 7-17 Plan isn't being used now. However RU still needs to plan for curriculum-appropriate classroom space. A number of issues need to be addressed including net connections in any mobile classrooms, specific board or other physical requirements, etc. The committee decided to ask Norma Whitlow—or someone else from the Registrar's office—to attend a committee meeting and discuss how classrooms are assigned.
 - b. The committee decided to modify charge #3 in this year's committee objectives to include this task.
- V. Review of this year's committee charges
 - a. Objective #2 regarding introducing a +/- grading system at RU—we will invite RU Registrar Matthew Brunner to a committee meeting to discuss how this would be implemented within Banner.
 - b. Objective #3 regarding issues with classroom space—this will be modified as discussed above.
 - c. Objective #4 regarding online courses should be higher in the priority list, although the committee charges after the first two were not set in any particular order by the FSEC. Bob Sheehy volunteered to serve on the Temporary University-wide Task Force for Online Course Delivery. "Quality matters" needs to be applied to online courses. We need to check with Laura Jacobsen as to when this task force will be convened.
 - d. Objective #5: Candice Benjes-Small will be the liaison from this committee to the Core Director for any needed changes to the Handbook, and for choosing, evaluating, and setting the roles of the Core Directors.
- VI. Current motions before Senate:
 - a. The motion to including library representative on Online Education Task Force (introduced in Senate on August 30, 2012)—the committee voted to support this motion.

- b. Core 201/202 committee report and accompanying motion (which will be introduced to Senate on September 13, 2012)—the committee decided to wait until this motion is introduced at the September 13 Faculty Senate meeting to discuss this further. We want to get feedback on this. We will start our next meeting with this issue.

VII. Good of the order:

- a. We discussed the next meeting's agenda, and will start with a discussion of the CORE 201/202 motion.

VIII. Adjourn: 4:45pm

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Thursday September 20, 2012
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Absent: Lynne Taylor

- I. Call to order: 3:30pm by Cathy Hudgins
- II. The minutes from September 6, 2012 were approved
- III. Cathy Hudgins presented the committee with the reworked Senate committee charges for this committee for this year.
- IV. Review of Faculty Senate motion regarding improved delivery of CORE 201 and CORE 202
 - a. Margaret Hrezo reviewed the three meetings of this Senate-appointed task force that occurred over the summer. She went over the reasons behind their final report that was presented to the Faculty Senate last week.
 - b. The committee spent the rest of the meeting discussing the current Faculty Senate motion. It was pointed out that the Faculty Senate had not referred this motion to this committee and thus the committee was only discussing the motion without any goal (e.g. no goal to comment, etc.).
 - c. The committee voted to amend the current Faculty Senate motion as follows:
 - a. The first sentence in Part III of the motion currently reads: "Once steps 1 and 2 are completed, the Core Director will issue a call for course proposals." This would be amended to read: "If steps I and II are completed to the satisfaction of the Faculty Senate, then the Core Director will issue a call for course proposals."
- V. Adjourn: 4:56pm