Curriculum Committee

Present: Fernando Agudelo-Silva, Jim Arnold, Rebecca Beal, Becky Brown, Gina Cullen, Lisa D’Agostino, John Erdmann, Caitlin Escobar, Luna Finlayson, Dave King, Sara McKinnon, Lisa Morse, Jessica Park, Joanne Pinckney, A. Joe Ritchie, Nadia Sanko, Cari Torres, Diane Traversi, Sheila Whitescarver

Resource: Kim O’Gara

Topics Discussed:

1. The Committee voted to issue an informal reprimand of Chris Schultz for not completing the minutes for his final meeting as Curriculum Committee Chair last Spring. It was suggested that Chris take a semester off to reflect. It was also stated that we already miss his good cheer and bad jokes.

2. Sara McKinnon updated the Committee on the Academic’s Senate discussions of AP 4228, which has to do with credit course repetition policy for a significance lapse of time. Title 5 changes will likely impact the ability for students to repeat courses they successfully completed 36 months prior or earlier. Dave offered that these changes coincide with other recent guidelines issued by the Chancellor’s Office on repetition for credit courses.

3. Committee members introduced themselves and what they are looking forward to this semester at COM.

4. The Committee reviewed “AP 4020: Program and Curriculum Development” and discussed the role and functions of the Curriculum Committee in supporting the development and maintenance of courses and programs.

5. The Committee discussed some of its short-term and long-term goals. These include (but are not limited to):
   1) Supporting faculty revisions of out-of-date courses
   2) Continuing support for disciplines implementing ADTs
   3) Supporting faculty in addressing course repetition issues
   4) Developing policies for local G.E. designation, Curriculum Institute support, and exceptions for deadlines
   5) Developing better understanding of and communication with CTE curricular processes
   6) Developing training materials for new members and efficient, consistent processes for all members reviewing course and program outlines
   7) Revising the Committee’s website
   8) Updating the COM Course Outline Guide
   9) Updating the COM Course Outline Form
   10) Supporting faculty implementing prerequisites through context review
The Committee discussed some specific ideas for addressing goals #1, #4, #5 and #6. A. Joe reminded the Committee that its role is to support the faculty expertise within the disciplines when it comes to curriculum development and approval.

Courses Approved and Deleted:

ART 140, 165, 190
BUS 101, 101DE
DRAM 150, 245
MEDA 120, 121, 126, 126L