Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2013

Curriculum Committee

Present:  Chris Schultz, Sheila Whitescarver, Fernando Agudelo-Sila, Lisa D’Agostino, David King, Paul Cheney, Becky Brown, Sara McKinnon, Letta Hlavachek, A. Joe Ritchie, Jim Arnold, Joanna Pinckney

Resource:  Kim O’Gara

Topics Discussed:

1. The Academic sent reported that the group reviewed new student enrollment priorities that grow out of the upcoming mandates in the Student Success Act. Vets, EOP&S and DSPS students will have the highest priority along with newly Matriculated students.
2. UDWC approved all courses but one MEDA course that had a minor problem. Thank you Kim.
3. The Curriculum Committee held off the review of the new French Certificates until Nadia returns so that the group is clear on the goal of the Certificate.
4. The Committee continued the discussion on General Education. Sara recommended reconvening the G.E. sub-committee and will take the proposal the Senate. Chris provided description and purpose of the General Education requirements from Course Approval Handbook. He also provided the COM G. E. description and list of courses. The Committee had a productive and philosophical discussion regarding both the intent and requirement of the G.E. The group will continue the discussion at next week’s meeting and will select members of the sub-committee. Members are asked to consider which faculty not currently on the committee might be asked to participate in a review of G.E.
5. Chris raised the issue of electing a new Chair for the Curriculum Committee since he will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Chris said he will contact any person who activity served on the Committee in the past year and invite them to nominate and vote in the election. Chris stated that he has been working with Dave King to support the smooth transition in leadership, but any faculty member that has served can be nominated. Chris requests that nomination be sent to him by April 4th. The election will take place on May 2nd. The Committee will discuss how to handle votes of members who are unable to attend the May 2nd meeting.

Courses and Degrees Approved:

1. MEDA 171L, 172, 173, 174LA, LB, LC, LD
2. KIN 169A, B, C, D