Meeting Minutes: October 25, 2012

Curriculum Committee

Subcommittee of the Academic Senate

Present: Fernando Agudelo-Silva, Rinetta Early, Dave King, Joanna Pinckney, Chris Schultz, Lisa Morse, A. Joe Ritchie, Cari Torres

Resource: Kim O’Gara

Items Discussed:

1. After Dave’s presentation on the role of the Course Outline of Record, a number of questions and additional references arose. He agreed to present these at the November 1st meeting.

2. Chris presented a number of COM Board Policies and Procedures which pertain to the Curriculum Committee. A number of very important issues came out of this exercise. A lively discussion developed regarding the role of the CC in relation to General Education consideration, the role of the CC in relation to DE courses, and the CC’s role in maintaining the quality and the integrity of educational programs. Clearly the most in-depth discussion grew out of the phrase in AP 4020 ‘Curriculum shall be evaluated to determine whether courses and programs should be established, expanded, modified, or deleted on a periodic basis’. The document also pointed out the CC role in identifying a viable curriculum for the Educational Master Plan. Members of the committee were impressed by the scope of their responsibility as participants on the CC. It was pointed out that for the past many years the CC’s largest duty was to get out outlines updated. Now they are. The group will continue the dialogue regarding the full role of the committee, and figure out a way to address it.

3. Chris proposed that the CC change the format of the meetings now that our technical review process has been brought up to date. He recommended moving in January 2013 to a model of two meetings per month of exclusively technical review, where Department Chairs and Deans would be invited with the author of the Outline. The other meetings would be focused on the larger responsibilities of the CC, such as: GE, program relevancy, degree updates and others. Chris asked the group to think about this approach for a decision in the next few weeks.

Courses Approved for Deletion:

1. ACRT 260, 261, 262, 263, 264
2. AUTO 239
3. CHEM 232E
4. DANC 224, 225, 229AB, 131AB, 232AB, 241AB
5. MMST 213
6. MUS 181, 182, 281, 282, 288