

# CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

September 17, 2010 – Student Senate Room (HUB 119)

## MINUTES

Present: Bonnie L. Bechard, Christian Bisson, Christina Bradbury (non-voting new faculty observer), Mary E. Campbell (consultant, non-voting), Elizabeth A. Cox, Karolyn Kinane, Joyce C. Larson, Wendy J. Palmquist (Chair), Lisa D. Spradley, David Zehr (substituting for the Provost), Anil Waghe, [nine voting members]

Excused: Julie N. Bernier

Presenters of Proposals: Warren C. Tomkiewicz, James C. Whiting

*Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all curricular changes noted below will become effective with the 2011-2012 edition of the Academic Catalog.* Recorded in the order in which the agenda item was discussed.

Wendy Palmquist called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. Christina Bradbury was welcomed as the new faculty observer and Committee members introduced themselves.

I. The minutes of the May 21, 2010 meeting were *approved as presented 9-0-0-0*.

II. New Business

A. Social Science:

1. New course: PO 3xxx Piecework for Peacework. *Withdrawn.*

B. Environmental Science and Policy:

1. New course: ESP 3400 Life in the Universe (3 credits). Are we alone in the universe? Astrobiologists use their understanding of diverse concepts in biology, earth science, physics, chemistry, engineering, and technology to search for answers to this question. The science of astrobiology is an integrated study centered on the search for life in the universe. Builds on our understanding of earth and life systems to investigate the habitability of other worlds. Students participate in inquiry based activities and discussions to investigate the limitations of life, the habitability of other planets, and model robotic explorations in other worlds. Culminates with student designed space missions. Springs. Prerequisite(s): junior status. (INCO). *Approved 9-0-0-0.*

C. Undergraduate Studies:

1. Transfer Agreements with River Valley Community College for our BS Mathematics, BS Mathematics/Middle School Teacher Certification (5-8) and BS Mathematics/Secondary Teacher Certification (7-12). *Approved 9-0-0-0.*

E. Music, Theatre, and Dance:

1. New Course: MU 3xxx Topics in Music: (1-3 credits). *Withdrawn pending signature of the Provost.*

2. DN 2710 Ballet II (1-2 credits): change course description. Repeatable with no limit.

3. DN 2670 Jazz Dance II (1-2 credits): change course description. Repeatable with no limit.

4. DN 2520 Tap II (1-2 credits): change course description. Repeatable with no limit.

5. DN 2260 Modern Dance II (1-2 credits): change course description. Repeatable with no limit.

*Approved 9-0-0-0.*

D. Languages and Linguistics:

1. New course: LL 2450 Creating Language (3 credits). Examines the generation, creation, and evolution of the full range of the English language, its words, grammar, sounds, and meaning,

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exploring the motivators that help explain how and why our language is constantly changing, molting, evolving, and (re)creating itself. Falls. *Approved 9-0-0-0.*

### E. Computer Science and Technology:

1. BS Computer Science: change requirements. *Withdrawn.*

### III. Reports

A. System Academic Planning Committee. No report.

B. General Education Committee. Met September 13<sup>th</sup>. Approved ESP 3400 as an INCO. Approved the process of approving General Education status for the first offering of Experimental courses. It will now parallel the process of the Provost approving first offerings of experimental courses by having the Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies approve the General Education status of first experimental offerings. The Associate Vice President with (a) notify the General Education Committee and (b) ask the instructors of experimental courses (first offering) to conduct the Gen Ed Program Student Evaluations. The Committee will continue their discussions about assessing the Program.

C. Council of Teacher Education. Meets September 20<sup>th</sup>. Agenda includes a proposed common American Disabilities Act (ADA) statement for all teacher certification syllabi; the Woodcock Johnson test as an alternative to Praxis I for students who have not been able to pass Praxis I; Criminal Records Release Authorization Form; NCATE update.

D. Steering Committee. Talked about dividing into colleges; a public meeting will be held to discuss questions and issues on this topic; it is much broader than creating COBA. There will be search committees for two deans. A person has been hired to develop a nursing program at KSC and PSU.

### IV. Discussion

- A. Discussion Sessions? Discussion meetings were added last year to be a time (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday) to discuss topics, review departmental Program Reviews, etc. Should these meetings be continued? Should they be held as needed? Some of the topics from last year were:
- Academic plan versus strategic plan, but what is the next step
  - Program reviews
  - Difference between a BS and a BA

The next NEASC accreditation is 2013; currently committees are being created to do the self-study. Wendy has been invited to participate. What can we make suggestions on, provide input on? We need an agenda; what are the hot topics? College structure?

The new Faculty Governance page with the Curriculum Committee forms needs a link to the historic records (minutes). From our discussions, specific things could go into a motion or given to the Steering Committee or to the administration.

Karolyn volunteered to review the minutes of the 2009-10 Discussion meetings; create a list of topics to follow up on. What is the schedule of Program Reviews?

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

The Curriculum Committee meets on the third Friday of the month from 2:30 until 5 pm in the Student Senate room (HUB 119). Proposals need to reach the Chair 10 days prior to the meeting. Their next meeting is Friday, **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Respectfully submitted,  
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*These minutes were approved October 15, 2010.*