Review of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from 11-17-14

Items forwarded from ACC: None

Unfinished business:

New Business:

1. New program in Criminal Justice
2. Communication Proficiency goals (G. Miller)

While reviewing program/department catalog mastheads recently, it has come to my attention that a minimum grade restriction on basic English courses (formerly 104, 105; now 150, 250) has been removed from the LAS part of the catalog. No one seems to have a record of why this piece was removed, but I sense that LASCC would like it to be re-instated (The paragraph is as follows:

(Last seen in the 2005-2007 Catalog; under Liberal Arts and Sciences, Additional Learning Goals, Communication Proficiency – p. 98)

“The faculty of Iowa State University believes that its graduates should acquire competence in communication – written, oral, visual, and electronic – during their undergraduate careers. All students must earn an average grade of C- or better in required basic composition courses (e.g., Engl 104 and 105). This should be regarded as a minimally acceptable grade standard. Departments may have stricter criteria as appropriate to their disciplines.”

Although this passage occurs under “LAS”, the first sentence mentions the entire university. The italicized part is the critical issue. On further checking with LAS, Jane Jacobson and her staff have identified that current degree audits require a minimum of C- in Engl 150 and 250. Therefore, this aspect of the degree audit is not in the current catalog anywhere, nor is it consistent with the last mentioned restrictions in any ISU catalog.

Best Practices for Catalog Information (S. Hendrich)

Old Business / updates:

1. Should students be allowed to take a minor and certificate with the same name
2. Organization of Curriculum-Related Information (S. Hendrich)
It was suggested to review the three important websites to provide clearer links to obtain information on processes to get course approvals: (a) Provost Office; (b) FSCC; and (c) Graduate College.

Reminder:

Next Meeting January TDB