Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Minutes
Friday Feb 6. 2015
9:00-9:50 AM
Room 107 Lab of Mechanics

Attending: Doug Jacobson (Engineering, Chair), David Cantor (Business), Cameron Campbell (Design), Judy Strand (Graduate College), Suzanne Hendrich (Human Sciences), Gordie Miller (Liberal Arts and Sciences), Jared Danielson (Veterinary Medicine), Char Hulsebus (Registrar’s Office), Nick Terhall (Government of the Student Body)

Meeting called to order at ~9:00am, adjourned at ~9:55am.

Minutes from 12-15-14 were approved 6-0. Campbell moved and Miller seconded.

New Business:

1. **Health Coach Certificate.** Summary description by Hendrick – collaboration among Food Science and Human Nutrition (HS), Kinesiology (HS), and Psychology (LAS); various entities offer “Health Coach Certificates” but there are apparently no clear professional standards. Questions included (i) are there accreditation measures (none at this point, there are differences between Health Coaching and Wellness Coaching regarding educational background and training); (ii) Does U. Iowa offer a similar certificate (not known; no record of consultation in the documents); (iii) Will graduates be well positioned to succeed in any certification exams? (Perhaps, the director/faculty governing board must monitor how the field evolves and student success rate with such exams); (iv) How many students will be involved? (Perhaps less than 20-30 per year, but this was simply an educated guess); (v) Will the certificate increase student “marketability”? (Hopefully, numerous positions require Health Coaching certificate to be eligible; additional credit hours (plus pre-requisites) would require additional time to degree); (vi) All courses are already offered at ISU? (Yes, but plans to include a practicum course is under consideration by Kinesiology); (vii) Who will monitor success and results of students taking any certification exam? (Governance documents specifies oversight by all three departments and a board, with a faculty director).
   This undergraduate certificate was approved 6-0. Danielson moved and Carter seconded.

2. **Service Learning Designators** (S. Hendrick). Via CELT, there is an ad-hoc service learning committee; during a recent recertification as “Carnegie Certification to be an Engaged University”, the extent of service learning among courses was not easily extracted from the catalog. Seeking a way to identify service learning more clearly and to increase awareness across campus – service learning is a well-recognized area of academia. Suggestions to include some type of course designator into the catalog description, but it was urged that sufficient guidelines be drawn up so that departments and programs have clearer understanding of what constitutes “service learning” (pro bono aspect; nature of interacting with the community; reflective component). S. Hendrick will work out guidelines for discussion at a future FSCC meeting.
Old Business / updates:
1. There was a brief discussion concerning Minors vs. Certificates in the midst of the Health Coach Certificate discussion. There may be professional reasons to have a certificate rather than obtaining a minor, and there are differences between graduate and undergraduate degrees. Certificates require 20 credits; minors require 15 credits, so obtaining a certificate is a more intensive experience than the minor. Some future discussion of criteria, clarity of differentiation for students, and indication on students documents is warranted.

Submitted, Gordie Miller, Feb 6, 2015