

Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee (FSCC) Agenda

Friday September 8, 2017

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Room 107 Lab of Mechanics

Attending: Suzanne Hendrich (HS), Chuck Schwab (CALs), Travis Sapp (CoB), Sunghyun Kang (Design), Gordie Miller (LAS), Mike Yaeger (Vet Med), Doug Jacobson (Eng, Chair), Katie Neilson (Government of the Student Body), Char Hulsebus (Registrar's Office), Shawna Saad (Registrar's Office), Jenni Keitges (Registrar's Office) Judy Strand (Graduate College), Karen Zunkel (Provost's Office)

Guests: Danny Johnson, Assoc. Dean, CoB; Hridesh Rajan, Computer Science

Jacobsen convened the meeting at 8:02 am. Attendees reviewed the agenda. Attendees introduced themselves. FSCC acknowledged Char Hulsebus for her 32 years of service to the university and university catalog. FSCC members were invited to her retirement reception Sept. 15, 2017, 2-4 pm 136 UDCC.

Attendees reviewed FSCC minutes from the April 11, 2017 meeting. Hendrich moved approval, Sapp seconded. Minutes were approved seven in favor, none opposed.

Items forwarded from AAC: FSCC will discuss diversity issues related to the curriculum at the next meeting.

Unfinished business: none

New Business:

Undergraduate Major in Data Science: Hendrich noted that the proposal form was in good order, including voting records. Hendrich moved and Kang seconded a motion to approve. Approval passed 7-0.

Undergraduate Major in Actuarial Science: Rajan presented this proposal. Miller asked about the data underpinning the projected enrollment. Rajan and Johnson responded that affordability and internship opportunities are likely to make this program attractive. Students in this major may readily switch into related options within CoB if need be. Attendees discussed the lack of supporting letters from other Regents' universities. The proposers informed the Provost of this proposal. Proposers are also planning an Actuarial Studies undergraduate certificate. Schwab suggested emphasizing a bit more in the proposal that the program has no special admission requirements, beyond the course and GPA requirements for admission to CoB undergraduate degree programs. FSCC approved the proposal with the caveat that the proposal include the form noting vote totals, available from the FSCC webpage. Hendrich moved, Sapp seconded, approval vote was seven in favor, none opposed.

Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Mathematics: Miller requested advice from FSCC on how the Mathematics Department might proceed with providing an academic program that could facilitate student success at the Ph.D. level, and increase attraction of underrepresented populations into the Mathematics Ph.D. program. An undergraduate certificate taken post-baccalaureate would have the

disadvantage of students not being qualified for financial aid. A graduate certificate also has this issue, but special efforts may permit financial aid for such students. Hendrich suggested that the proposers could draft an undergraduate proposal based on similar programs at a few other universities. The predominant advice from FSCC members was to draft a graduate certificate proposal. Graduate College Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council would vet such a proposal rather than FSCC.

Form for Discontinuing Minor/Certificate: Zunkel is working on a form for this. Hendrich agreed to assist. Hendrich and Strand suggested that graduate specializations should be included as well, as these are treated like minors. Strand will also review the draft form(s).

Hulsebus shared college reports. Word document versions will be sent to each FSCC college representative in the near future, for review and work on Section II. Faculty Senate will review the finalized college reports in December 2017. Zunkel will check with the Board of Regents (BoR) new academic affairs officer, Rachel Boon, to determine her timeline for reviewing the need for the college reports. If this requirement from BoR goes away, FSCC may need to discuss what reports will be required from colleges prior to Faculty Senate approval of the catalog each year.

Submitted by Suzanne Hendrich Sept. 8, 2017

NEXT MEETING: Friday, September 29, 8-9 a.m.