Minutes: 3/27/09 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UGCC) Meeting

Supporting documents can be found at the UGCC’s Web site at www.fit.edu/ugcc.

The following items (directly from the Consent Agenda) were approved.

- MTH 1000 - Changing Restrictions or Credits
- Psychology – Changing Graduation Requirements
  - PSY - 7141
  - PSY - 7144
  - PSY - 7146
  - PSY - 6144
  - PSY - 6146
  - PSY - Honors
- Electrical & Computer Engineering – Changing Restrictions or Credits
  - ECE 3111
  - ECE 3240
  - ECE 3551
  - ECE 4332
- LNG courses – Changing Restrictions or Credits
  - LNG 1302
  - LNG 2301
  - LNG 2302
  - LNG 3301
  - LNG 3302
- HUM courses – Adding a New Course
  - HUM 1051 – Concert Choir
  - HUM 1052 – Wind Ensemble
  - HUM 1053 – String Ensemble
  - HUM 2150 – Jazz Ensemble

Regarding Adding a New Major or Minor – Individualized Studies (major) and Adding a New Major or Minor – Individualized Studies (minor combination option), discussion continued. Alan Rosiene shared information that he had gathered related to concerns expressed when the items were tabled at the 2/20/09 meeting. He highlighted aspects of the Interdisciplinary Studies program at Southern Oregon University that might address some concerns. Very timely and useful information about SACS considerations was provided by Monica Baloga and Ray Bonhomme. Another concern that was mentioned was QEP ramifications. The items were tabled again, giving Rosiene the opportunity to incorporate additional information and UGCC feedback into revised proposals.

Much discussion took place regarding Adding a New Major or Minor for the University College’s Accounting AA and Marketing AA. Both were tabled so that appropriate representatives from University College and College of Business could get together over the next month to discuss potential solutions to raised concerns.

The following items were approved after questions were answered and concerns were addressed.

- University College - Adding a New Major - Healthcare Management (AA)
- University College - Adding a New Major or Minor – CIS (AS)
- Engineering Systems - Adding a New Course
It was noted that inferences about the level at which a course is taught or when it is scheduled within a curriculum cannot be made based solely on course numbering. It was also noted that a previous practice of avoiding 4000/5000 dual-numbered courses seems to be less of a priority now.

There was inadequate time to discuss the update regarding the use of 8-week online courses by undergraduate students. Important information was provided by Ray Bonhomme; several questions and concerns were raised by UGCC members. It was decided that the UGCC would benefit from a dialog with the Provost. The chair will try to arrange such a discussion for the 4/24/09 meeting, but the fact that Ray Bonhomme will be unavailable at that time may be a factor in scheduling.

Our next meeting is Friday, April 24, at 8:00 a.m. in the Physical Sciences conference room. Agenda items are due Friday, April 17.

Respectfully submitted,

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