Members Present: Chuck Booth, Richard Jones-Bamman, David Stoloff, Sandy Brooks, Delar Singh, Nanette Tummers, Ann Higginbotham

1. Review of minutes of 3/16/09 – accepted (Singh; Booth) with 2 abstentions

2. Announcements, Reports and Correspondence
   2a. Senate Executive Committee – no report.
   2b. Curriculum Committee – no report.
   2c. Academic Affairs Committee – Expanding Horizons program being discussed; possibly some Tier II courses will be proposed to be designated as “global” courses to meet this requirement.
   2d. First Year Program Committee – discussion of e-portfolios.
   2e. Implementation Team – discussion of data related to strategic plan report; also discussed was enrollment data, and the re-structuring of financial aid and its consequences for some students.

Old Business

3. Review of resubmitted courses:
   SOC/WST 212 – approved (Higginbotham; Jones-Bamman)
   SOC/WST 240 – approved (Singh; Jones-Bamman)

4. Other old business – double counting in minors email discussion

   In answer to an email question from the Advisement Center regarding double-counting courses in the minor, Chuck made the following clarification in an email dated 3/27/09:

   “The two course limit on double-counting (or course re-use, as Kathleen Fabian calls it) was clearly intended to apply to majors (as it did under the GER); refer to Senate Bill 07/08-6: http://nutmeg.easternct.edu/senate/documents/0708/SB0708-6.pdf. That policy has no such restriction on minors. And according to the catalog (p. 56) in cases where a major, minor, and LAC share courses, the minor must have 9 unique credits; this does not preclude double-counting for the other courses (or 6 credits) in the minor (in fact, I suppose a course could be triple counted for the LAC, major, and minor). As I recall, we didn’t want to apply the two-course limit on double-counting to minors as it would serve only to deter students from completing a minor.

   Given the wording of Senate Bill 07/08-6 and the wording on page 56 of the catalog, I would argue that the two-course limit to double counting does not apply to minors. If someone feels there should be a limit, they can appeal to the senate to clarify the policy as stated in Senate Bill O7/08-6. ”

   The committee noted that departments can make any necessary guidelines for their minor programs as well.

New Business

5. Institutional Planning and Research Data on LAC completion rates

   The data provided was discussed. It was unclear what period the data covered. If is includes this semester (Spring 09) then the completion rates are not useful until the semester ends and it is updated. It does not appear this data is very useful for the strategic planning report that Chuck and Marty are working on, at least not in its current format. Chuck will seek clarification.

Adjourned (Booth; Tummers)
Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Brooks, 3/31/09
Approved 4/6/09