University Senate Curriculum Committee  
February 8, 2012  
12:00pm – 1:00pm  
Minutes  

Present: Carlos Escoto (co-chair), Sarah Tasneem (co-chair), Carolyn Coates (recorder), Jennifer Huoppi, Barbara Little Liu, Catherine Tannahill. (Brandon Monroe was unable to attend.)

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm.

Minutes from the February 1, 2012, were approved as amended.

Other reports:

Carlos reported that some on campus would like to lower the course caps for online courses, and that these proposals could significantly increase the committee’s workload. Such proposals also raise philosophical questions about online courses: how closely should the practice of online courses mirror their on-campus equivalents? Jennifer added that concerns over the place of online courses in the overall curriculum been raised as well since we don’t have accredited “online” programs (save one). The Academic Affairs Committee is examining these issues; we simply need to anticipate the possibility that we will need to consider the same in the future. No new online courses will approved until a new policy is approved by the senate.

Sarah reported on the discussion on four-credit courses at yesterday’s senate meeting. Once the Academic Affairs Committee has had a chance to introduce a senate bill on this, there should be opportunities for broader campus-wide discussions. These proposals remain tabled.

The new Board of Regents is pushing for more and better articulation agreements between the community colleges and the CSUs, something which could have an impact on the liberal arts core (and the LAPC) in particular. Carlos commented that given the many issues of interest to the Academic Affairs Committee, the Liberal Arts Program Committee and the Curriculum Committee this semester, it might be worthwhile for all three committees to meet together at some point.

Carlos also reported that the instructions on the website have been updated to clarify which forms are needed when. Also discussed was the fact that the volume of submissions that the committee receives (109 proposals last semester!) precludes us from considering proposals that don’t follow the directions (too few copies, wrong forms, etc.). Kim Renaud has requested that the electronic copies be named according to a specific convention or the same reason.

Proposals considered:

a. Biology Department  
BIO 424: Cell Physiology (Gloria Colurso)
New Course Proposal for fall 2012
Tabled: this course is described as four credits on some forms (all four-credit proposals are on hold); we also need program modification proposal because a change to a course in the major affects the major as a whole.

b. Environmental Earth Science Department
**EES 450: Hydrological Research Methods (Drew Hyatt)**
New Course Proposal for fall 2011
Approved as three credit course (please correct the syllabus).

c. Business Administration Department
**BUS 347: Financial Institutions (x-listed as FIN 347) (Craig Erwin)**
Changes in existing course (change course title to: Financial Institutions and Markets and change catalog description for fall 2012)
Approved; registrar will shorten the name to fit number of characters available.

d. Health and Physical Education Department
**HPE 361: Individual Activities and Games (Neil Williams)**
Changes in existing course (change enrollment limit from 25 to 20 & other changes for fall 2012)
Approved pending receipt of correct electronic forms (the existing electronic copies are dated last October and don’t correspond to the paper copies).

e. Psychology Department
**General, Child Psychology, Industrial-Organizational Curriculums major (Wendi Everton)**
Program modification not requiring a bill for fall 2012
Approved.

The remaining proposals were tabled for consideration next week:

f. Psychology Department
**PSY 101: Introduction to the Psychology Major (Wendi Everton)**
Changes in existing course (change pre-req or co-req PSY 100)

g. Psychology Department
**PSY 207: Mental Retardation (Wendi Everton)**
Changes in existing course (change course title to: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and change catalog description for fall 2012)

h. Psychology Department
**PSY 247: Research Methods I (Wendi Everton)**
Changes in existing course (change catalog description for fall 2012)

i. Psychology Department
**PSY 327: Research Methods II (Wendi Everton)**
Changes in existing course (change catalog description for fall 2012)

j. Visual Arts Department
ART 316: Art and Travel (Gail Gelburd)
Changes in existing course (add to LAC)

k. Performing Arts Department
THE 278: Introduction to Costuming and Makeup (David Pellegrini)
Changes in existing course (change course title to: Introduction to Costuming and Makeup and add to LAC)

l. Performing Arts Department
THE 279: Costume History (David Pellegrini)
New Course Proposal

m. Environmental Earth Science Department
EES 450: Hydrological Research Methods (Drew Hyatt)
New Course Proposal*

n. Visual Arts Department
ART 334: Art Exhibition: Design, Documentation and Policy (Gail Gelburd)
Changes in existing course (Change pre-req ART 329 for spring 2012/fall 2013)

o. Math/Computer Science Department
CSC 340: Programming Languages and Translation (Huan-yu Tu)
Changes in existing course (other changes for immediately)

p. Math/Computer Science Department
CSC 445/385: Software Engineering and Professional Practice (Huan-yu Tu)
Changes in existing course (change course number to CSC 385, enrollment limit from 30 to 20 (for writing intensive course size limit) and other changes for immediately)

q. Math/Computer Science Department
CSC 344/440: Operating Systems (Huan-yu Tu)
Changes in existing course (change course number to CSC 440)

Previously tabled proposals:

a. Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work Department
SOC 300: Sociological Theory (Robert Wolf)
Changes in existing course (change credits from 3 to 4) for fall 2012

b. Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work Department
SOC 350: Methods of Social Research (Robert Wolf)
Changes in existing course (change credits from 3 to 4) for fall 2012

c. Biology Department
BIO 130: Ecology with Laboratory (Gloria Colurso)
Changes in existing course (change prerequisites and cat description for SP12)

d. Biology Department
BIO 220:  Cell Structure and Function with Laboratory (Gloria Colurso)
Changes in existing course (change in prereqs and catalog description for SP12)

e. Biology Department
BIO 230:  General Genetics with Laboratory (Gloria Colurso)
Changes in existing course (change in prereqs and catalog description for SP12)

f. Sociology Department
SOC 400:  Senior Seminar  (Robert Wolf)
Changes in existing course (change credits from 3 to 4 for F12)

g. Sociology Department
Sociology Program (Robert Wolf)
Program modification not requiring a bill for F12