Educational Policies Committee Minutes, January 14, 2010

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A meeting of the Educational Policies Committee was held on 14 January 2010 at 3 p.m. in Old Main 136 (Champ Hall Conference Room).

Present:
Larry Smith, Chair
David Hole, Academic Standards Subcommittee Chair and Agriculture
Ed Reeve, Curriculum Subcommittee Chair and Engineering
Richard Mueller, General Education Subcommittee Chair (representing Norm Jones)
Scot Allgood, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Kathy Chudoba, Business (representing David Olsen)
Roberta Herzberg, HASS (representing Ed Glatfelter)
Richard Mueller, Science
Bill Strong, Regional Campuses and Distance Education (representing Ronda Menlove)
Susan Crowley, Graduate Council
Erin Davis, Libraries
Ben Croshaw, Academic Senate President
Bill Jensen, Registrar’s Office
Cathy Gerber, Registrar’s Office

Absent:
Nancy Mesner, Natural Resources
Rick Kelly, Graduate Student Senate President

I. Minutes of the 3 December 2009 meeting
Ben Croshaw moved to approve the minutes of the 3 December 2009 meeting. Scot Allgood seconded; motion carried
II. Subcommittee Reports

A. Curriculum Subcommittee

Ed Reeve reviewed the Curriculum Subcommittee business.

All courses were approved.

The request from the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business to require a mandatory international trip for the full-time, on campus MBA program which will be integrated into MGT 6300 was withdrawn.

John Mortensen brought the following up for discussion: Higher Education Reauthorization Act – Full Disclosure of Costs
Do we disclose these items in the General Catalog in a section titled course materials and have footnotes referring to this page? How detailed do we get in listing the course materials? Should the costs be listed in the syllabi? John will keep the committee informed on the progress of this item.

Scot Allgood moved to approve the business of the Curriculum Subcommittee. David Hole seconded; motion carried.

B. Academic Standards Subcommittee

Academic Standards Committee Meeting Minutes
12 December 2009 virtual meeting via email
Convened 3:19 pm 12/01/2009
Virtual Attendees: Chris Call (CNR), John Mortensen (Registrar), Pete Campbell (Univ. Advising), Scot Allgood (Education), David Hole (Agriculture), Michael Lyons (HASS), Richard Kelly (Academic Senate)

The Academic standards subcommittee met virtually in December to consider language changes for the catalog concerning second bachelor’s degrees:

Agenda item:

Second Bachelor’s Degree:
The language proposed by John Mortensen was approved for submission to the EPC committee. The only change to existing language is underlined.
The meeting was virtually adjourned once a quorum of email responses was received.
Approved Language:

Second Bachelor’s Degree
Applicants for a second bachelor’s degree must file an application with the Admissions Office and obtain the recommendation of their academic dean prior to being admitted. A second bachelor’s degree is available only to those on whom a first bachelor’s degree has been conferred by a regionally-accredited institution. Students must complete a minimum of 30 USU credits beyond those applied toward the first bachelor’s degree, 18 of which must be earned in department-approved upper-division courses related to the major. USU credits may be earned in courses completed at USU’s Logan campus or at designated centers, or through classes offered by Regional Campuses and Distance Education through USU.
Students may apply for a second bachelor’s degree only if the major is different from the major in the first bachelor’s degree.
Candidates for a second bachelor’s degree must have met the American Institutions requirement in the first bachelor’s degree, or complete the requirement before receiving the second bachelor’s degree.
Note: The first bachelor’s degree must have been awarded by a regionally-accredited college or university.

Scot Allgood moved to approve the business of the Academic Standards Subcommittee. Kathy Chudoba seconded; motion carried.

C. General Education Subcommittee

No report

III. Other Business

Climate Change and Sustainability in the Curriculum

At the October 1, 2009 EPC meeting, Nat Frazier, Dean of the College of Natural Resources, and the Chair of the Utah State University Sustainability Council, brought forth before the Educational Policies Committee, the discussion of climate neutrality and the curricular obligations of Utah State University. The following information was given to the committee: the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment and USU courses that currently deal with a variety of sustainability issues. Comments, concerns and suggestions were given to Dean Frazier dealing with curriculum.

The one section of the Climate Action Plan that stymies Nat is the section on curriculum and education. Would members of the Faculty Senate’s Educational Policy Committee be willing to help with this? Of course, the main issue is that we don’t’ have authority to implement anything; fortunately, all we need is a PLAN for moving this forward, not necessarily any implementation at this point. The deadline for submission of the Plan may be postponed until 1 May, but that will mean that we have had two postponements. No further ones are allowed.

Please contact Nat Frazier if you are able to help with this.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.
Larry Smith conducted the meeting.
Cathy Gerber recorded the minutes.