

Curriculum Committee Meeting

Minutes

August 27, 2024

Present: Mari Clements, JD Carpenter, Donal Hardin, Connie Stout, Jason Barr, Kevin Evans, Adam Black, Amanda Chapman, David O'Dell, Kaitlin Ensor, Dwight Heaster, Schuyler Chapman, Sara Sawyer, Bob Hutton, Alyssa Gibson, Rachel Adams

Absent: None

Guests: Lloyd Bone

New Business

General Education Learning Outcomes

- The Gen Ed Taskforce submitted new learning outcomes
- The next step would be to re-define which courses meet which guidelines. Will no longer have one class meeting one learning objective
- Mari asked departments if there are other courses offered in departments that could fulfill a gen ed requirement
- Departments should be selective and thoughtful on which outcomes (should be 1-3) the class meets because everything will still need to be assessed
- HLC would like institutions to prepare students for "lifelong learning" since jobs and careers don't always last a life time. Committee asked if it could be changed to Critical Thinking or something besides "lifelong learning"
- The Taskforce is still taking feedback on these. Committee members will discuss with their departments and bring feedback to the next meeting

Committee Bylaws

- Graduate Coordinators need to be removed as members since Graduate Council covers all graduate curriculum changes
- Kaitlin motioned to approve, Schuyler seconded. Motion passed

Other

Committee Objectives for 2024/2025 Year

- Mari addressed the committee about the objectives to work on in the 2024/2025 year
- Plans of study and course rotations need to be updated
- Some plans of study require a class in one semester, while other plans of study require it in a different semester which may not match the rotation/offering of that course
- Departments need to determine if all classes really need to be offered every year, or if they can be on a longer rotation. This will aid in cutting down on low enrolled classes, which would result in fewer overloads and could lead into discussion on faculty and adjunct raises
- Major program changes should revolve around 5 year program reviews, so only cleanup items should be submitted this year along with rotation and plans of study changes

Adjournment: Adam adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Ashley Nicholas

August 28, 2024