

Curriculum Committee Meeting

Minutes

November 19, 2024

Present: Mari Clements, JD Carpenter, Donal Hardin, Connie Stout, Adam Black, Amanda Chapman, David O'Dell, Kaitlin Ensor, Schuyler Chapman, Dwight Heaster, Sara Sawyer, Bob Hutton, Rebekah Hypes, Rachel Adams

Absent: Jason Barr, Kevin Evans

Guests: Jennifer Wenner, Mark Sarver

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from November 5, 2024: David motioned to approve the minutes, Schuyler seconded. Motion passed

Old Business

Gen Ed Learning Outcomes

- Jennifer attended the meeting on behalf of the Gen Ed Taskforce to answer questions, and provide a handout of what the new learning objectives will be
- She explained that the Taskforce doesn't always get feedback from academic departments, and it doesn't always match the concerns brought up in other committees
- The feedback from departments on the "life-long learning" statement was that departments were in agreement to keep the wording
 - Most students don't go into a career that their major is based on
 - "Life-long learning" is also the recommended wording from HLC & AAUC
- A new item was added to the list of learning objectives (2B, under Analytical Reasoning), but this has not been approved by the Gen Ed Taskforce yet. Once this has been approved by the Taskforce, Curriculum Committee will vote on the learning objectives
 - Adam will send an email to vote on this change via email, once it has been approved by the Gen Ed Taskforce

Honors Revised Files

- David asked if Dr. and Mrs. could be removed from the top of the catalog pages, as the Steering Committee doesn't have titles listed
- This was done to match the way the department catalog pages are laid out
- Mari and Academic Affairs will look at the catalog to see how the department pages are laid out, and make sure everything does match
- Dwight motioned to approve the Honors Program changes, pending the update on titles after Mari reviews. Kaitlin seconded. Motion passed

Math Revised Files

- The number of course objectives were reduced on course outlines for MATH 106, MATH 106S, MATH 230, MATH 256, MATH 265 and MATH 356
- Amanda motioned to approve the changes, Sara seconded. Motion passed

IDS

- Corrections were made to the catalog pages after the last meeting, to clarify the information and align with HEPC guidelines
- For IDS degrees, there will be one concentration area (such as Bio-Psych) with two areas of discipline (such as Biology & Psychology)
- The application form will be updated based on the approved information that is going into the catalog, once the committee approves it
- Dwight recommended asking Bridget about international students and if they are able to do this
- Mari will double-check with HEPC whether or not we can offer a discipline that we don't offer as a program (such as Spanish). If we cannot, those courses could possibly become electives
- A question was asked about what determined whether the IDS degree would be a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts. This depends on what the area advisors decide on along with the IDS Director
- There were small grammatical changes to the catalog page
- It was recommended to add the Director of IDS to the top of the catalog page, like it was done for the Honors Program
- Dwight motioned to approve with the additional changes, Schuyler seconded. Motion passed

New Business

4+1 Undergraduate-Graduate Program Discussion

- Mari asked for an endorsement from the committee to continue discussion in Graduate Council and other areas
- This would be 4 years of undergraduate courses, and 1 year of graduate courses
- We already have arrangements with Marshall University for similar programs that they offer
- The committee endorsed moving forward with discussions on this topic

Adjournment: Adam adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Ashley Nicholas

November 20, 2024