

MINUTES

Meeting Date: Thursday April 18, 2013

Time: 9:00am – 10:30am

Place: Rowe 134

Voting Members and Alternates in attendance: Hedley Freake, Jason Irizarry (NEAG), George Elliot (CANR), Eric Donkor (SoE)

Ex Officio Members in attendance: Margaret Lamb, Kim Chambers, David Ouimette, Maria Martinez, Eric Schultz

Administrators and Guests: Karen Piantek

Regrets: Larry Gramling, Girish Punj, Olga Vinogradova, Jennifer Lease Butts

Meeting called to order at 9:06am.

1. Welcome

2. Approval of minutes from the March 14, 2013 meeting

The minutes of the March 14, 2014 meeting were accepted.

3. Old Business

3.1. Draft of Grade Appeals Language

Review

- Based on feedback from UICC members, interactions with Jeremy Teitelbaum and a meeting with Sally Reis, Hedley Freake redrafted the language for grade appeals and grade changes

Discussion

- Mention of UNIV or INTD courses will be replaced with the term “courses for which the UICC has oversight” in order to cover other possibilities, such as MISI and AIRF courses
- The edited document with other minor changes may require changes in the by-laws; Hedley Freake will work with Scholastic Standards to refine the specifics of the language

The voting representatives present agreed to move the proposed grade appeals draft forward to the SEC/Senate Scholastic Standards Committee for consideration. CLAS and BUSN subsequently gave electronic approval.

3.2. MISI and AIRF Courses – Follow-up on the governance issue

Review

- A request for a change in credits for a MISI course prompted the UICC to look into the governance of MISI and AIRF courses, which were previously believed to be governed by CLAS, but now report directly to Provost’s Office.
- There had been concern at the last meeting that courses had been “abducted” from CLAS; Marianne Buck followed up with CLAS and found that CLAS had not been acting in an oversight roll and had no desire to
- Hedley Freake spoke further with Sally Reis and Liz Little in Military Science and discovered that the curriculum is a national curriculum; the department head is a military appointment, not a UConn appointment, and the MISI and AIRF courses are not overseen by a faculty advisory board

Discussion:

- Eric Donkor questioned where within the university these course would have originally been approved – The answer is currently unknown
- The committee discussed whether or not there should be representation from MISI/AIRF on the UICC given the UICC’s proposed oversight of these courses

- The committee discussed what places these courses have within the context of a student's program of study at UConn. The courses appear to be electives that any student can take
- Regarding the immediate issue of curricular changes to MISI courses, Eric Schultz expressed that a decision regarding this change can only appropriately take place under the guidance of faculty who know these programs
- George Elliot pointed out the issue of trying to harmonize MISI/AIRF courses across universities versus the importance of first harmonizing these courses within UConn's curriculum
- Hedley Freake confirmed with the UICC that no one believed the UICC should cast these courses out altogether, but that a better framework needs to be put in place at preliminary levels before curricular issues regarding MISI/AIRF courses come to the UICC

4. New Business

4.1 New Course Proposal UNIV 39XX Interdisciplinary Career Planning

Overview

- This course has been offered as special topics course at Stamford multiple times and now must be considered as a fully approved course

Discussion

- Committee members wanted more explanation as to why the course is only available at Stamford; they believed the course could have a broader purpose, especially in the larger context of the revision of the strategic plan for Career Services at UConn; it was suggested that the UICC should give the new career services director a chance to respond to this issue
- Maria Martinez and Margaret Lamb both expressed concern that the course work load was insufficient for the proposed two credits
- The committee decided to table the proposal pending a discussion with Jim Lowe in Career Services and to communicate their concern about the credit load to the course proposer at Stamford.
- To the immediate issue of the course being offered in the Fall, the UICC decided to recommend permission that the course again be offered once more in the Fall in its temporary special topics form pending discussions on the reorganization of Career Services

The three voting representatives present gave approval to offer UNIV 39XX once more as a Special Topics course in the Fall 2013 at Stamford. CLAS and BUSN subsequently gave electronic approval.

4.2 Committee Membership for 2013/14

Overview

- School and college representatives are appointed to UICC for 2 year terms and so half of the terms expire each year. Hedley Freake raised the question as to whether those whose terms were ending wished to be reappointed.
- Ex Officio appointments have no expiration dates

5. Other Business

- None

Adjourned at 9:56 am

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Piantek
IISP Administrator