#### UNIVERSITY INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSES COMMITTEE

# **MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2016

**Time: 2:30pm** 

Place: Senate Conference Room, Hall Dorm Building, Room 123

Voting Members and Alternates in attendance: Eric Donkor (Chair), Hedley Freake (CAHNR), Laura Burton (Neag), Sarira Motaref (SoE), David Grant (Pharmacy), Michael Bradford (SFA), Nicholas Lurie (SoB)

Ex Officio Members in attendance: Jaclyn Chancey, Marianne Buck, Maureen Armstrong, Monica van Beusekom, Maria Martinez, Tom Fritsch, Eric Schultz, Beth Settje

Administrators and Guests: Cheryl Galli (Admin),

Meeting called to order at 2:28pm

#### 1. Welcome

Eric Donkor called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

## 2. Approval of minutes of February 17, 2016 meeting

Jaclyn Chancey asked that the last bullet under 3.2 be changed to reflect that the UICC is accepting reports on UNIV courses as opposed to performing a review of the courses.

L. Burton motioned to approve. H. Freake seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

#### 3. New Business

#### 3.1 Course Shell Realignment Presentation - IISP

- M. van Beusekom gave an overview of UNIV 2600, 4600W & 4697W
- Asked who the cohort is for the gateway course, M. van Beusekom responded that all courses are by permission and interested students must meet with an advisor before enrolling. These students have expressed interest in IISP and have an idea for an individualized major.
- Students do have some issues getting into programs that require permission. Also, there is no maximum number per year, more than 60 students would result in staffing difficulties. The Capstone course is filled every semester.
- It was noted that students work individually rather than in a group for the thesis course. M. van Beusekom shared that it would be difficult to implement a group element with so many and so varied interests.

### 3.2 UNIV 1995: Next Generation STEM Skills Proposal

- J. Chancey gave an overview of UNIV 1995
- This is a second offering. A heavy interest on communications remains. This course is focusing more on awareness and problem solving.
- A discussion about the letter-graded element to the course was discussed. J. Chancey noted that honors credit is not offered on an S/U class. J. Chancey offered insight as to how class participation is measured and the no electronics policy in class.

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# H. Freake motioned to approve the course. L. Burton seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### 4. UNIV Course Realignment Reports

E. Donkor distributed a matrix to assist is assessing the courses following review of the course report.

- a) UNIV 1981
- b) UNIV 1991
  - Beth Settje offered an overview of UNIV 1981 & 1991.
- c) UNIV 3991
  - E. Donkor asked the committee to refer to the report provided
  - It was noted that UNIV 3985 Special Topics Career Planning course was included as a course option in the Internship Services and Resources for Students. It is believed that this course has been offered more than the maximum allowed three times. C. Galli will reach out to Halina Hollyway to discuss making this its own course via a new course request.
- d) UNIV 4800
  - Maureen Armstrong gave an overview of UNIV 4800
- e) UNIV 2100
  - It was noted that this course was only recently approved by the UICC and is still making its way through the system

Presenters of UNIV 1981, 1991 & 4800 left the meeting. Committee members discussed next steps in the course report process. Suggestions were made to review or receive report from these courses again in time spans varying from five to ten years. No decision was reached.

Adjourned at 4:05pm

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Galli Administrative Services Assistant IV