

MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 15, 2016

Time: 2:00-3:30pm

Place: Student Union, 318

Voting Members and Alternates in attendance: E. Donkor (Chair), L. Burton (Neag), H. Freake (CAHNR), L. Gramling (SoB), D. Grant (SoPh), S. Motaref (SoE), S. Weaver (CLAS)

Ex Officio Members in attendance: J. Chancey, T. Craemer, M. Hatfield, A. Kelleher, D. Ouimette, B. Settje

Administrators and Guests: C. Galli (Admin), M. A. O'Donoghue, J. Main, M. Gilbert

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm

1. Welcome

E. Donkor welcomed all to the meeting. The possibility of a change in agenda order was noted so as to accommodate guests.

2. Approval of minutes of September 20, 2016

Motion to approve by H. Freake; seconded by L. Burton; approved unanimously

3. Approval of UICC courses designated as “university transfer courses by GEOC”

E. Donkor explained that this item was sent to UICC by the General Education Oversight Committee (GEOC). He introduced Ana O'Donoghue and Jean Main from Transfers Admissions who gave a brief summary of the history of these courses. H. Freake noted that every department has a point person for such courses and asked which department makes the decision for these INTD courses. A. O'Donoghue responded that it is directed based on the nature of the course. A discussion followed about whether the courses should be INTD or UNIV. J. Chancey noted that there are many more such courses that were not considered in move from INTD. H. Freake noted that these courses are designated INTD, which means interdepartmental at UConn. There was discussion about who owns the course (which department) when they come from another university. A. O'Donoghue was asked to provide the UICC, via E. Donkor, a list of all INTD and UNIV transfer shells. This led to discussion on UNIV courses, such as FYE classes, that are not recognized for transfer credit by UConn. A. O'Donoghue explained that oversight and design is unique to a specific school. A motion to approve the INTD transfer shells was called for. It was then noted that these shells already exist and are not newly created shells. GEOC recently approved for general education content and therefore, the items should come to the UICC as informational only.

4. Agenda Item #5 – Discussion on UNIV 4800

Vice President of Student Affairs Michael Gilbert joined the meeting to discuss suspending the offering of UNIV 4800. M. Gilbert offered background information on the course. This one-credit, non-mandatory course has been offered through Student Affairs for about ten years. Changes to the strategic plan, budget and personnel within Student Affairs led to the decision to move this class out of the division. There has not been interest from other areas (school/college,

department or program) to administer the course. Discussion followed about the value of the class and a national movement for First Year Experience courses. M. Gilbert noted that Alumni Relations within the UConn Foundation has picked up responsibility for some senior level activities and Career Services was approached about continuing the SYE course. At this time, there are no plans for either area to assume responsibility for UNIV 4800. H. Freake shared that there is a good argument to be made that individual majors and colleges should offer such a course. He then asked if the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) had been approached about the suspension of this course as real life skills were an area of concern in the findings of the General Education Assessment Task Force. M. Gilbert has not spoken with the USG but will discuss with them at an upcoming meeting. J. Chancey suggested it would be useful to determine which pieces of the course attracted students to enroll. M. Armstrong responded that many students who signed up for the credit walked away learning more than they had anticipated.

5. **Discussion on next UNIV course alignment review cycle (AY: 20/21 to AY: 22/23)**

E. Donkor presented a proposed schedule for realignment. He suggested that the UICC determine a schedule now and discuss procedure and policies in the spring. H. Freake suggested swapping 1810 and 1820 for scheduling purposes. J. Chancey noted that UNIV 1730 is missing and can be added to the last slot in AY: 22/23.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17pm.