

MINUTES

Meeting Date: Tuesday April 21, 2015

Time: 9:00am

Place: ROWE 420

Voting Members and Alternates in attendance: Hedley Freake (Chair), Gary Kazmer (CAHNR), Larry Gramling (SoB), Laura Burton (Neag), David Grant (SoPh), Tom Long (SoN), David Stern (SFA)

Ex Officio Members in attendance: Maria Martinez, Marianne Buck, Jaclyn Chancey, David Ouimett, Kristopher Perry

Administrators and Guests: Karen Piantek (Admin)

Regrets: Eric Donkor, Shannon Weaver, Chuanrong Zhang, Jennifer Telford

Meeting called to order at 9:05am.

1. Welcome

2. Approval of minutes from the March 24, 2015 meeting (Attached)

D. Stern motioned to approve. G. Kazmer seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. New Business

3.1. Overview of AIRF/MISI Curriculum (Kristopher Perry)

- K. Perry distributed handouts to the committee and explained the AIRF and MISI courses listed there.
- The AIRF curriculum is provided by the Department of the Air Force and instructors are all active duty military personal. It is a national curriculum that is the same everywhere.
- Older students practice their supervisory skills on younger students in a controlled environment in the Leadership Laboratories.
- AIRF was approved to teach a W course, although the course was not taught this past year due to instructional concerns.
- Non-cadet students can take any class, but cannot participate in the Leadership Laboratories; cadets must take the sequences in order.
- One UICC member noted that some clarification appears to be needed in the catalog copy regarding class periods and suggested that maybe the office could look at catalog for consistency.
- K. Perry noted that in the MISI courses, students do not use actual weapons. In the marksman ship course they use only air rifles that shoot plastic or rubber pellets.
- This curriculum is also taught at University of New Haven. K. Perry gave some statistics related to these programs.
- The MISI courses are all taught by Officers or Senior Non-Commissioned Officers.
- K. Perry receives syllabi for each class every semester and compares them to the previous semester.

- H. Freake asked who determines the level of the courses. K. Perry was uncertain and will look into it.
- All courses are unassigned electives. Students are commissioned in the military after completing the curriculum.
- There has been talk of creating a military science major, but no one has had the time to do the leg-work on it.
- T. Long asked what the minimum credit requirement was. K. Perry noted that it is 16 credits for either AIRF or MISI.
- K. Perry noted that UConn cadets do very well in the competition for commissioning when compared nationally. He explained that not everyone who joins ROTC gets to be an officer. They must meet very high moral, mental, and physical standards and must compete nationally against students at hundreds of universities across the nation. The demand is much larger than the supply, but UConn cadets historically select for commissioning at higher rates than the national average.
- Committee members noted that the curriculum has a lot of content. K. Perry confirmed that both students and staff are kept very busy.
- T. Long noted that he teaches a Death and Dying course in the Nursing department that is often taken by military students. K. Perry noted that there are a number of Nursing scholarships available to military students.
- H. Freake asked how ROTC affects financial aid. K. Perry noted that students receive scholarships/stipends, but he wasn't certain how that affected general financial aid. Students must maintain their ROTC status in order to keep their scholarships.
- K. Perry explained the financial commitment to the program, how or why students might be removed from/drop out of the program, and the students' enlistment/active duty status.
- ROTC staff have far more contact with cadets than normal faculty member, and they are mandatory reporters like everyone else. K. Perry gave a case example of what occurred when they had a problem with one cadet.
- The committee thanked K. Perry for his report.

3.2 UICC Annual Report (Attachment)

- J. Chancey noted an error in "see above" versus "see below" wording.
- The headings of one table read "sections" rather than "seats" as they should.
- D. Ouimett questioned the number of sections for UNIV 1800. He felt that the number was too high, but after considering sections in both semesters across all regional campuses, it was determined that the number could in fact be accurate.
- Contrary to a table in the report, it was noted that UNIV 1991, 1981, and 3991 are now under Career Services; Student Affairs only has oversight over UNIV 4800.
- The committee discussed possible reasons why there is a decline in full-time faculty teaching UNIV and INTD courses. H. Freake noted that perhaps the language in the report needs to be softened so as not to suggest that there are unqualified instructors.
- J. Chancey questioned the report's findings that UNIV 3784 not offered in 2013-2014. Both she and K. Piantek will check these numbers.
- There is a table in the report that indicates which departments or offices oversee which UNIV courses. It was suggested that tables be added for INTD, MISI, and AIRF courses as well.
- UNIV 1500 was missing from the table and will be added. It appears as though this course may no longer be offered in any case.
- The committee gratefully received the report.

4. Old Business

4.1 Policy Draft - Proposal to Implement a Re-evaluation Plan for Previously Accredited Courses (Attachment)

- D. Ouimette gratefully received the compliment for UNIV 1800 being held up as a standard of comparison for all things UNIV.
- The committee discussed the possibility of what recourse could be taken for courses that the committee found problematic. The committee was reluctant to appeal to a “higher authority,” although this is likely the only option.

T. Long motioned to approve the document. G. Kazmer seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

4.2 UNIV 1598 UConn-Based Study Abroad Course (Update)

- H. Freake spoke to staff in Education Abroad and they agreed that there should be a course shell that UConn faculty can use to teach short-term courses abroad.
- Education Abroad would have a faculty group that would have oversight of these offerings.
- Education Abroad also expressed interest in creating pre-departure and post-trip courses. Kevin Brennan and Dick Langlois will meet in May to discuss these plans.

5. Other Business

5.1. UICC Members whose terms end this Spring: (Notify Hedley and Karen if you will accept re-appointment)

- Edith Barrett (Regional) – E. Barrett’s initial email response was unclear. H. Freake will speak to her.
- Laura Burton (Neag) – Will be reappointed. (Her department needs to be updated to EDLR.)
- Larry Gramling (SoB) – Will be reappointed.
- David Grant (SoP) – Will be appointed.
- Gary Kazmer (CAHNR) – Will be reappointed.
- Tom Long (SoN) – His commitments for next year are unclear. He will need to let the committee know his intentions at a later date.
- David Stern (SFA) – Will be reappointed.
- Shannon Weaver (CLAS) – No response yet.
- It was noted that the committee will need someone to replace Eric Donkor for the School of Engineering since he will be taking over as Chair.
- The members and alternates for CAHNR will need to be revisited to allow H. Freake to stay on the committee next year while E. Donkor acclimates to the role of Chair.

Adjourned at 10:24am

Respectfully submitted,
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