

Rhode Island College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Minutes for Meeting of

September 16, 2011

2:00-4:00 P.M.

Board of Governors Room

Present: S. Abbotson (presiding); R. Auld; M. Aydogdu; D. Blanchette; I. Greitzer; V. La Ferla; B. MacDonald; J. Magyar; C. Marco; C. McLaughlin (Secretary); J. Meade; P. Meyer; R. Pitt; E. Rowell; T. Schmeling; E. Simson.

Absent:

Excused: D. Espinosa; D. Huntley-Newby

Students:

Guests: Patricia Brennan; Eric Hall

1. Call to Order: 2:07
2. Minutes: Meeting of May 20, 2011 (Marco/La Ferla)
 - Election meeting minutes
 - Curriculum Committee meeting minutesAction: Approved with 2 abstentions
3. Report of the Chair
 - Welcome new members and introduce executive committee
 - Summer changes to forms, instructions, and the website
 - a) New changes to proposal forms make them more streamlined. Instructions are clearer. Hedi BenAicha, Dir., J.P. Adams Library and Richard Prull, Assist. V.P of Info Services will be made aware of changes to curriculum, and will not be required to sign transmittal forms.
 - b) Section 4.2 in Curriculum Manual – Section provides a more detailed and accurate “how-to” fill out forms.
 - c) Acknowledgements of changes has been revised from “uses” to, “The chair or director of any department or program which ***includes*** a course that you are revising or deleting as part of their program, along with the Dean of that department/program.”
 - d) Discussion regarding changing Gen Ed. proposals to be signed by ALL Deans, to “Gen Ed proposals to be signed by Deans or their proxies”—the decision was to stay with current wording for now; use electronic signatures will be investigated.
 - e) Manual now makes a clear distinction between “approval” and “acknowledge”.
 - f) Timeline for submissions was discussed. Proposal changes that need BOG approval will need to be submitted earlier in the year to the UCC—and this will be noted on the website calendar.
2. Courses that have not been taught for three years or more
 - a) Committee will continue its efforts to determine the number of these classes that exist in the catalog—currently a problem with the query.
4. Report of COGE
 - a) COGE will bring proposals for review to the UCC in the future
 - b) Comments for new Gen Ed program are still being accepted
 - c) New guidelines for Connection courses will be brought to UCC in the Spring 2012. Need to work out details for admission to Connections courses.COGE report for September 16th is attached to the Minutes

5. New Business

Women's Studies

Motion to Approve (Magyar/Marco)

Motion to Bundle 11-12-001 & 11-12-002

- 11-12-001 Approve deletion of WMST 360 Women and the Professions
- 11-12-002 Approve revision of WMST minor to reflect above deletion.

Action: Unanimous Approval

Nuclear Medicine Technology

Motion to Approve (Rowell/La Ferla)

Motion to Bundle (Rowell/La Ferla)

- 11-12-003 Approve changes to the NMT concentration in Medical Imaging Program.
- 11-12-004 Approve new course NMT 231.

Eric Hall described the requested changes to the program. The need for the additional course is a result of licensure and certification requirement changes. From January 2015, applicants taking National certification examinations in Nuclear Medicine Technology require a degree, and certification in NMT is required before they can take CT certification, thus CT programs have been removed from the NMT program, to be included in a separate certification.

Action: Unanimous Approval

- Proposal to adopt new college numbering system (McLaughlin/ MacDonald)

a) Discussion about courses numbered 300- 499 needing a prerequisite, either:

- Number of credits
- Junior Status
- Permission of the Chair
- Another class

b) Curriculum Committee Manual states 300 – 400 level courses must have a prerequisite: “Courses above this level will have a prerequisite,” but language on course numbering is vague: “taken by students who have met the prerequisites.”

c) Motion: (Schmeling/La Ferla)

Move to create language that makes new clearer guidelines appear in the curriculum committee manual and other UCC documents, which includes the statement: Courses numbered 300 and above MUST have a prerequisite.

d) Existing 300 – and 400 Level classes without prerequisites will be identified and efforts will be made to create prerequisites for the future.

e) The hope is that all prerequisites will be programmed into PeopleSoft in future: records is currently working on this.

Action: Unanimous Approval

6. Other New Business

- Discuss creating guidelines to ensure program credit totals do not become unmanageable.
 - Program charts presented to look at program credit totals
 - BS and BFA programs are professional programs; BA leading to teaching certification is also a professional program—which all allow for higher totals (80 as opposed to 60).
 - Dean Simson described courses that were double counted in different programs. He suggested that:
 - Writing be incorporated into existing classes
 - Look for courses where students learn to write in the discipline's language
 - Identify where writing takes place across different majors

- We stick to the 120 credit formula
Discussion tabled until future meeting

7. Motion to adjourn. 3:46 (McLaughlin/
Minutes respectfully submitted by Charlie McLaughlin

Next meeting: October 21, 2011 2:00 – 4:00 Board of Governors Room Roberts Hall

**Report of the Committee on General Education
to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
September 16, 2011**

Last Spring, COGE received a proposal for a new General Education Program from the General Education Task Force. The proposal has excellent learning outcomes, an exciting core that should engage entering students, and a revised distribution to meet current educational needs effectively. COGE has carefully reviewed the proposal, suggested slight changes, and is preparing catalog language for a submission to the UCC.

On Wednesday, over 100 faculty members met in Clarke Science 128 for a faculty Forum on the proposed program. Many strong and convincing arguments were made that will strengthen the proposal. Details of the current status of the proposal are posted at <http://www.ric.edu/faculty/organic/coge/> and updates will also be posted there as they become available.
Respectfully submitted,

James G. Magyar
Chair, Committee on General Education