Undergraduate Studies Committee Meeting Minutes

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October 3, 2014


Not present: D. Lane, C. Estell, G. Gaddis

Visitor: E. Gohan

Approval of Agenda: Approved as amended. 1st, J. Shimek and 2nd R. Mowat. All in favor.

Approval of September 13, 2014 Minutes: Approved as amended. 1st, K. Grove and 2nd M. Murray. All in favor.

Announcements:

The meeting started with an announcement that K. Gilbert’s deadline for faculty to turn in new 1-200 level courses for the GENED is November 15, 2014. Her deadline to turn those courses into the Campus Curriculum Committee is December 1. The minutes from September had the wrong deadline date for faculty noted.

Bob O. announced that this is not a change year for undergraduate majors, but if there are changes coming to him, they need to be handed in to him by winter break.

K. Grove announced an interest in having tutors available to students through the Department of Kinesiology. She asked about pay for tutors and how to start with just one course from the Departmental level and expand from there. J. Donley mentioned Supplemental Instruction that started in the early 90s that has very talented undergraduates who work with faculty and who meet with students outside of class when opportunities arise. She mentioned that this part of OVPUE. Janet would be happy to give more information if needed. Discussion: J. Shimek presented the tab sheet for the Environmental Health undergraduate degree – BS in PH. There was general discussion about the new degree and mention of a new Foundations of Environmental Health course that would be starting summer 2015. T. Hitchcock asked if the new Environmental Health course would count the same as SPEA H 316. ENV Health will have to check with SPEA and so far, there’s been no discussion with SPEA. The Public Health Leadership team has yet to OK or endorse the major but will meet on October 7th. There will be more information on this at the next meeting. There was general discussion about who would advise the ENV Health major and perhaps do marketing to get raise interest in the new program.
Discussion:

K. Gilbert advised that the ENV Health major faculty should look at a staged 5 year plan. She indicated they should think about how the major can be grown, within the department, and think about the courses and how they will be staffed and how to get the students through the major successfully. The faculty looked at the tab sheet for this new major and talked about degree maps. There was a generous discussion about whether or not to keep the professional elective area in the tab sheet for the ENV Health major as J. Shimek brought it to the committee. K. Grove moved with R. Mowat in 2nd and all in favor to approve the curriculum for the ENV Health major with the 12 credit line stricken from the tab sheet.

There was also talk about the interest of having an ANAT and PHSL course offered within the school of Public Health to ease the obvious problems students have getting into those courses through Medical Sciences. More discussion on this major, accreditation for the major and possibly creating those courses will come later.

The question was brought up if students who would be studying the new SPH ENV Health major could also complete a minor in Health Studies or Public Health. The committee consensus on this topic was no but K. Gilbert charged all departments to review of their minors.

The next meeting will be November 14th, 2014 at 9:00 am in SPH C013.