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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of April 06, 2015 meeting

Members Present

Deborah Breiter, Jana Jasinski, Diane Andrews, Steven Collins, Paul Dombrowski, Steven Ebert, Charles Kelliher, Donna Malvey, Joyce Nutta, Terrie Sypolt, Art Weeks

Recorder

Rhonda Nelson

Guests Present

Pedro Quintana-Ascencio, Rose Taylor, Ross Wolf, Will Moreto, Sean Moore, Derek Green, Arlen Chase, Mary Ann Feldheim, Sherron Roberts, Maria Cox

Staff Members

Barbara Rodriguez

Welcome and call to order. Dr. Deborah Breiter, chair, welcomed the committee and guests. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with no changes.

Suspension of the SASS graduate certificate-CEHP.

Suspension of the SASS track in the MA Ed Leadership Program-CEHP

The program has requested a two-year suspension beginning fall 2015. The program does not have enough faculty to develop these programs at this time. New faculty to start in fall 2015. A teach out plan is not required as no students are in the track or certificate. Both suspensions received unanimous approval from the committee.

Revisions to the Crime Analysis graduate certificate-COHPA. Dr. Will Moreto provided a summary of these revisions which included the removal of an existing elective option and the addition of one course to the required courses. Credit hours will change from 12 to 9 hours. These changes received unanimous approval from the committee.

Revisions to the MS in Urban and Regional Planning program-COHPA. Dr. MaryAnn Feldheim provided a summary of the changes to this program. They are requesting to remove the three concentration areas and replace with planning elective courses. The majority of the concentration courses was from outside their program and was not being offered or had additional prerequisites. The overall hours will remain at 48 beyond the bachelor's program. These changes received unanimous approval from the committee.

Revisions to the tracks in the Ph.D. Conservation Biology program-COS

Applied Conservation Biology

Ecology and Organismal Biology

Dr. Pedro Quintana-Ascencio provided a summary of the revisions to these tracks. The required general courses for the tracks were being changed. Changes more accurately reflect the coursework that is already being completed by a majority of the students. Minor adjustments in wording and requirement within the qualifying and candidacy exams were being made. A question was raised about the admission to candidacy in both tracks. The committee requested that catalog copy be corrected to show the sequential order of steps in this area. Dr. Pedro Quintana-Ascencio will send a corrected statement to Graduate Studies. This request received unanimous approval from the committee with the additional change in the order of steps.

Courses and special topics. Dr. Sherron Roberts presented a summary of the LAE 7939 *Seminar in Research & Scholarship in Literacy* course and updated the committee on the changes that were made to the course after the last Curriculum meeting on the additional rigor that was added to this course. Dr. Roberts also presented an overview of what was expected of the students. Discussion followed regarding this course. A change was made in the prerequisites from IDS 7500 to IDS 750I and to also include C.I. This course received unanimous approval from the committee. Dr. Sean Moore raised a question about his split class MCB 5654C Applied Industrial Microbiology. Discussion followed. He will work with Dr. Ebert and Graduate Studies to complete any material needed for this course.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20th.