UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 7, 2012

Members Present: Bruce Carr (student), Dianne Hanten (Registrar’s Office), Dennis Ciesielski, Susan Hansen, Mark Meyers, Philip Parker, Mike Sharkey, Chris Baxter for Chuck Steiner, Kory Wein, Mary Rose Williams, Shane Drefcinski (ex-officio), David Van Buren (ex-officio), Becky Trefz (rec. secretary)

Members Absent: Jessica Donahoe, John Nkemnji, Steve Steiner

Visitors Present: Barb Barnet, Tom Caywood, Benjamin V. C. Collins, Christina Curras, Linda James, Julie McDonald, B. J. Reed, George Smith, Adam Stanley, M. Keith Thompson

Chair Kory Wein called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1. Approval of the February 15, 2012 minutes – Susan Hansen moved to approve the minutes, second by Bruce Carr. Motion carried.

2. Announcements
   a. Associate Vice Chancellor Van Buren – None.

   b. Academic Planning Council, Mark Meyers – They have held two listening sessions with two more scheduled for March 15 at noon and 4:00 p.m. to help determine what data to collect for prioritizing programs.

   c. Assessment Oversight Representative/General Education Director & Assessment Coordinator, Shane Drefcinski – Shane reported that the Gen. Ed. Model did get on the most recent Faculty Senate agenda but due to time constraints did not make it to the floor. Hopefully it will be addressed at the next senate meeting.

   d. Other – None.

3. Move to Consent
   a. None

4. New Business –
   b. Document 11-56 Proposal for a New Course (Meets Gen. Ed./Social Science Requirement) – COMMNCTN 4450 – Crisis Planning & Communication (Note: B. J. Reed asked that in the course description, the first sentence be changed to read, “This course explores the foundations, current theory, issues, ethics, and strategies in crisis planning and communication.”) Dave Van Buren asked about the basis for having the class count for social science general education requirements. B. J. Reed responded, and Kory Wein suggested that it might be helpful to incorporate this under the student learning outcomes.
   c. Document 11-57 Proposal for Changes to Existing Program (Major/Minor/Emphasis) – COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES, Dept. Name Change to Media Studies
d. Document 11-58 Proposal for Changes to Current Course (Drop) – COMMNCTN 3920, Promotional Techniques


h. Document 11-62 Proposal for New Course (Meets Gen. Ed./Fine Arts Requirement) – ART HISTORY 2840 – Art History VII: Introduction to World Architecture (Dave Van Buren suggested that this new course might also be considered for international studies general education credits. Linda James will submit an amended proposal.)

i. Document 11-63 Proposal for Changes to Existing Program – FORENSIC INVESTIGATION Major/Minor/Emphasis

j. Document 11-64 Proposal for Changes to Existing Program – CRIMINAL JUSTICE Major/Minor/Emphasis


l. Document 11-66 Proposal for Changes to Existing Program – ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING Major

m. Document 11-67 Proposal for Changes to Existing Program – CIVIL ENGINEERING Major


o. Document 11-69 Proposal for Changes to Current Course (Drop) – CIVILENG 2120, Civil Engineering Computer Applications


q. Document 11-71 Proposal for Changes to Current Course – CIVILENG 3020, Construction Engineering

r. Document 11-72 Proposal for Changes to Current Course – CIVILENG 3030, Constructions Materials

s. Document 11-73 Proposal for Changes to Current Course (Drop) – CIVILENG 3100, Structural Mechanics


u. Document 11-75 Proposal for Changes to Current Course (Drop) – CIVILENG 3150, Reinforced Concrete Design


w. Document 11-77 Proposal for Changes to Current Course – CIVILENG 3300, Fluid Mechanics

x. Document 11-78 Proposal for Changes to Current Course – CIVILENG 3340, Environmental Engineering

y. Document 11-79 Proposal for Changes to Current Course – CIVILENG 3530, Transportation Engineering

z. Document 11-80 Proposal for Changes to Current Course (Drop) – CIVILENG 3730, Geotechnical Engineering I


d. Document 11-84 Proposal for Changes to Current Course – CIVILENG 4230, Steel Design

e. Document 11-85 Proposal for Changes to Current Course – CIVILENG 4250, Wood Structures
5. Second Reading of WE Guidelines

Mike Sharkey moved to approve the Writing Emphasis Revised Guidelines as presented by George Smith, striking the second sentence in item 3, “Student writing may include informal or formal writing.” Second by Dennis Ciesielski. Following discussion, Chair Kory Wein called for the vote; motion carried.

George Smith noted that funding of the WE portion of the Gen. Ed. Proposal continues to be under discussion with commitment of $3,000 from the Improvement of Learning Committee, possible designation of WE as a major focus in the next round of CIFs, as well as the financial support promised by the office of Provost Mittie Nimocks.

The next UUCC meeting will be held Wednesday, April at 4 p.m. in Ullsvik 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rose Williams, secretary and Becky Trefz, recording secretary