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Minutes of the Academic Policies Committee of the Academic Senate
February 8, 2013
SC 106

Present: Deb Bickford, Jim Dunne, Vinod Jain, Kurt Mosser, Leno Pedrotti, Paul Vanderburgh, John White

Absent: Paul Benson, Paul Bobrowski, Laura Leming, Karen Swisher

Minutes: Minutes of the Jan 25, 2013 meeting of the APC were approved.

Announcements: The February 15 2013 meeting of the APC is canceled. The next meeting of the APC will be on Friday, February 22 in KU 222 from 2-3 pm.

Old Business:

CAPCC Procedures: Section 4.8: Course Renewal Process

Leno Pedrotti presented a revised section 4.8 of the CAPCC procedures and a draft of an accompanying reporting form. Leno Pedrotti noted that this form was the result of a discussion at a CAPCC meeting where it was provisionally decided that section 4.8 *Periodic Departmental Course Review* should require departmental review of CAP courses every four years, with the first review occurring within 4 years of the time that the course is first listed in the catalogue as a CAP course and that the outcome of the review process should lead to one of two options:

The department would

- A) Certify that the course continues to meet the University of Dayton Learning Outcomes proposed in the original course proposal and the specific requirements of the CAP component(s) described in the CAP document.
- B) Request that the course be removed from the list of approved CAP courses.

John White expressed a general concern that faculty members developing CAP courses may not be sufficiently steeped in the *Habits of Inquiry and Reflection* and Senate DOC 10-04. He wondered whether increased oversight of the delivery of CAP courses might be needed.

The APC provisionally approved the wording, with some editorial corrections suggested by Kurt Mosser, of section 4.8 as presented and agreed to send the draft back to CAPCC for discussion.

Competency Program Requirements

Leno Pedrotti presented a working document detailing some reasons for and some issues related to discontinuing the University General and Graduation Competency Program. It was noted that the general competency requirements were currently completely satisfied by taking courses that satisfy general education and this would continue to be true under CAP. Jim Dunne noted that the discontinuation of the Competency Program does represent the removal of University oversight of the delivery of certain skills. It was noted that these skills would still be delivered, but that the oversight would return to the departments offering the courses. No APC member knew of any oversight of the Competency Program that has been done in at least six years. It was agreed that elimination of the Competency Program Requirements would likely have no detrimental effects on the curriculum and would remove some complexity from descriptions of the curriculum, advising of students, and development of introductory courses in English, oral communication, and Mathematics that incorporate current best practices in skill development. It was noted that the discontinuation of the Competency Program would mean that certain courses could be passed with a D or better rather than with a C- or better. It was also noted that any unit or department that wished to reinstate the C- or better requirement could do so. There was unanimous agreement that the APC should move forward with a proposal to discontinue the University General and Graduation Competency Program but that that University-wide consultation and opportunity for comment should take place.

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 am.

Submitted by Leno Pedrotti