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October 2016 Academic Affairs Minutes

University of Nebraska at Kearney Academic Affairs Committee

Present: Valerie Cisler, Kay Hodge, Dan May, Cami West, Jacob Stallbaumer, Kim Schipporeit, Joel Cardenas
Guests: Matt Miller and Sherri Harms

The meeting was called to order by Kim Schipporeit at 3:38 (8 minutes late)

Discussion ensued about the committee, its purpose, meeting times, and tasks. Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month except December. The subcommittee meetings, which are not required, are held the second Wednesday of every month.

Election of committee membership continues to be problematic. Several members did not attend the meeting, but there is the possibility that these people do not know they are members as they may not have been informed. Another representative needs to be elected from the College of Business and Technology, although there is uncertainty regarding the term for Deb Bridges and whether it is complete or not.

The committee began business with the discussion of the CR/NC proposal from the College of Education

We propose ***extending the timeframe*** to midterm of the course in which students may opt to be graded credit / no credit.

- The current policy at UNK restricts students to declaring credit/no credit by the end of the first week of the course. This seems unrealistic and also differs from both UNL's and UNO's timeframes for opting for Credit/No Credit (midterm of the course and by the end of the third week, respectively).
- By extending the timeframe to midterm of the course, the policy is updated to reflect a student-friendly option at UNK.

UNK 2015-16 Catalog:

GRADING OPTIONS

In addition to traditional grading ("A" - "F") a student may opt to be graded in registered courses by credit/no credit, or audit. **The Credit/No Credit grading option was designed to enable students to take courses in areas of interest where they may feel they have had minimal preparation without adversely affecting their grade point average**.

Credit/No Credit and audit grading options ~~must~~ **may** be declared at the time of early registration or open registration if early registration is not utilized. **A change to or from Credit/Not Credit registration may be made until midterm of the course**.

Tuition rates and related fees are identical for each of these grading options. ~~Grading options cannot be changed after the first week of the fall and spring semesters or the first class day of a summer class~~. Each option is described as follows:

CREDIT/NO CREDIT

A student may elect one course each semester (a summer session is considered as a semester) for which he/she chooses to be graded on the basis of credit/no credit. ~~A student must declare the grading option at the time of registration.~~ The credit/no credit refers only to the final grade in the course as recorded by the Registrar. Nothing will change in the content of the course and the course examinations. When a student completes the course, he/she will receive a letter grade. If that grade is at least a "C" the student will receive the appropriate hours' credit. If the letter grade is "C-" or lower, the student will receive no credit for the course. In either case, the student's GPA will not be affected. This grading system is at the option of the student, but will operate with the following restrictions:

1. The option is available only to students who have completed 28 semester hours and are in good academic standing.
2. The student must have met all of the prerequisites required for enrollment in the course chosen.
3. The course chosen cannot be used to meet major, comprehensive major, minor, or endorsement area requirements.
4. The student may choose only one course per semester, unless it is an established function of the course, to be taken on a credit/no credit basis.
5. A maximum of 18 credit hours may be taken on a credit/no credit basis.
6. Students wishing to declare a course CREDIT/NO CREDIT must do so at the Office of Student Records and Registration by ~~the end of the first week of the semester (Spring or Fall) or by the end of the first class day (Summer).~~ **midterm of the course.**
7. The CREDIT/NO CREDIT grading option cannot be changed after ~~the first week of the semester.~~ **midterm of the course.**

The responsibility for assuring that the student satisfies the above restrictions lies with the student and his/her advisor. The actual granting or withholding of credit is the responsibility of the Registrar's Office.

For this proposal to become the policy for the campus, Academic Affairs felt it would be prudent to have it reviewed by the four colleges. Schipporeit will distribute to college Ed Policy committee chairs.

Matt Miller and Sherri Harms were present to discuss two programs in the Computer Science and Networking area.

#4. Create, Program, BS, Cyber Security Operations Comprehensive: This new program will merge Computer Science and ITEC and will be in the College of Business and Technology. There is a widely recognized, substantial, and growing demand for experts in the evolving field of cybersecurity. For example, on 2015 *U.S. New & World Report* of the 100 best jobs, Information Security Analyst is 8th on the list. This profession is expected to grow at a rate of

36.5 percent through 2022. There are few Cybersecurity BS programs nationally, and no cybersecurity BS program currently exists in the University of Nebraska system. Since this program uses existing courses, there will be no additional cost.

Fewer than 20 schools in the U.S, have this program according to Miller

#5. Alter, Program, BS in Computer Science Comprehensive. The changes here are to conform with ACM changing requirements and the IEEE professional organization curriculum guidelines.

The final item of business was to discuss the following:

#6. Create, Course, TE 480, Information Technology, Ethics, and Social Responsibility, TE, COE, This course addresses ethical, human and social issues related to information technology, which also include privacy, accessibility, copyright, intellectual property, plagiarism and information validity. Participants in this course will examine and practice ethical and legal use of technology systems and digital content that model citizenship in the digital age.

Hodge/May moved approval of items #4 through #6 above. Motion carried.

The Chair and the Secretary of the Committee will be elected at the November meeting.

Adjourned 4:10. Motion by May/seconded by everyone there.

Respectfully submitted

Kay Hodge
Secretary Pro Tem