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September 17, 2009 – 3:00pm
Joint meeting with General Studies Committee
Warner Conference Room/Academic Affairs Conference Room

Present: Marc Albrecht, Greg Anderson, Derrick Burbul, Martha Kruse, George Lawson, Janet Lear, Kim Schipporeit, Jane Ziebarth-Bovill, William Wazniak

Present but remained with General Studies Committee: Sylvia Asay, Debbie Bridges,

Absent: Cliff Summar, Brandon Pettigrew, Nate Summerfield

Daren Snider (Chair of General Studies Committee) called the meeting to order and asked Martha Kruse (Chair of Academic Affairs) if there were questions that Academic Affairs had of the General Studies Committee. Kruse stated that the AA committee wanted to be certain of the deadlines and approval process for new courses. Specifically, what was the role of Academic Affairs in the approval of new courses for General Studies? Snider provide a handout to the members of Academic Affairs providing the deadlines and Academic Affairs role in the process. The subcommittee of Academic Affairs was listed on the deadlines but not the meetings of the full Academic Affairs committee. Both groups understood that Academic Affairs would need to approve any new courses.

Academic Affairs retired to the Academic Affairs Conference Room to consider additional issues on their agenda.

Kruse reconvened the meeting. Lawson volunteered to be secretary since Asay remained in the General Studies Committee meeting.

It was moved (Lawson) and seconded (Lear) that we accept items #01 - #04. Discussion followed. It was noted that there were several typographical errors on the provided copies and Schipporeit agreed to check the original paperwork and that a corrected copy would be attached to these minutes. In addition it was noted that on item #2 the wording was directed at graduate students and that academic affairs was only responsible for undergraduate changes. Schipporeit stated that the intention of the department was to provide consistency between the two courses within the department's catalog copy. With no further discussion, the question was called, and the committee voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Kruse reported on the call for information, that the Academic Affairs Committee request from department chairs at the end of last academic year, regarding the CNSS Educational Policy Committee proposed change in the major/minor overlap rule. In a revised proposal from the CNSS Educational Policy Committee, the word "department" in Item 2 replaced "disciplines." The committee found the wording of item 3 confusing in that the proposal itself did not stipulate that the 6-hour overlap rule would remain in effect for intradepartmental majors and minors. Schipporeit volunteered to rewrite the item to make it clearer. A copy of the "clarified document" would be attached to these minutes and sent to the committee members. Action on this proposed change will be considered at the next meeting once the members have a clearly worded edited document.

Kruse informed the committee that a proposal for the spring of 2007 had been returned to the committee. NU administrators approved a signed proposal from UNK that did not reflect the intentions of the department that proposed the creation of a new degree rather than a new comprehensive major.

The action taken by Academic Affairs, as reflected in the minutes of January 2007, was to separate the majors of Athletic Training and Exercise Science. The intent of the department was to create a new degree (Bachelor of Science—Athletic Training). It was determined that the blank regarding “proposed change” only stated a change in the separation of the two majors. It was moved by Lawson and seconded by Wozniak that the form will be returned to the department. The information in the blank should reflect the request for the creation of a new degree program. When the form is returned to Academic Affairs the department chair should be present to provide any additional clarification that the committee might need. A unanimous vote was taken and the motion was approved.

A general discussion was conducted about the deadlines for course submissions for the New General Studies Program. It was agreed by the member of Academic Affairs that the Chair (Martha Kruse) should use her discretion to determine if more than one meeting of the sub-committee and/or Academic Affairs is needed in any given month.

A motion was made (Schipcoreit) and seconded (Lear) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

AGENDA ITEMS

NUMBER, REQUEST, LEVEL, SPECIFIC REQUEST, DEGREE/COURSE, PROGRAM/COURSE, TITLE, DEPT, COL, REASON

#01, Alter, Course, FSID 402, Selected Readings in Family Studies, FSID, B&T, The graduate component of this course will become an elective for the new proposed MBS - Human Services degree. By adding “or Permission” to prerequisites, Faculty can allow graduates to take the course by permission. Change prerequisite from FSID 150, junior standing to FSID 150, junior standing OR permission.

#02, Alter, Course, FSID 486, Families in Crisis, FSID, B&T, This course will become an elective in the proposed MBA - Human Services Major. Adding “or permission” to the course prerequisites, will give more flexibility to graduate students. Change prerequisite from FSID 351, junior standing to FSID 351, junior standing OR permission.

#03, Alter, Course, ITEC 320, Applied Electronics, ITEC, B&T, the request is to drop the PHYS 25GS prerequisite. PHYS 205GS does not contain the AC/DC electrical theory in the manner required for student success in ITEC 320. MATH 103 or MATH 123 or STAT 241 will provide the necessary Math required for student success in ITEC 320. Change prerequisite from (ITEC 110) and (ITEC 220 or PHYS 205GS) and (MATH 102) and (MATH 103 or MATH 123) to (ITEC 110) and (ITEC 220) and (MATH 102) and (MATH 103 or MATH 123 or STAT 241).

#04, Alter, Program, BA & BS, Marketing Management Minor, BMGT/BMKT, B&T, Add BMGT 409 to minor. Add BMGT 415 to minor. To expand student elective opportunities.

Proposed Catalog Copy—Major/Minor Overlap Rule Revision

Proposed Change in Approved Program of Study

Current Catalog Copy:

Major Program

- A. A major program consisting of 30-36 hours and a minor program consisting of 24 hours of which 18 hours is unduplicated coursework.
OR
- B. A major program consisting of 30-36 hours and a second major of 30-36 hours of which 24 or 30 hours (respectively) is unduplicated coursework.
OR
- C. Comprehensive major of 42-62 hours.

Proposed Catalog Copy:

Major Program

- A. A major program consisting of 30-36 hours and a minor program consisting of **18-24 hours. The major and minor cannot be from the same academic department unless duplication of coursework between the two is limited to 6 credit hours or less.**
OR
- B. A major program consisting of 30-36 hours and a second major of 30-36 hours of which 24 or 30 hours (respectively) is unduplicated coursework.
OR
- C. Comprehensive major of 42-62 hours.