AGENDA
UAF FACULTY SENATE UNIT CRITERIA COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 22, 2013—1:30-2:30 PM
Rasmuson Library 502

Attendees:
Mark Conde
Chris Coffman
Cathy Winfree
Torie Baker
Lief Albertson
Debu Misra
Gilberto Fochesatto

I. Housekeeping

1. Approval of Agenda
   Approved without objection.

2. Approval of Minutes from 9/10/13 Meeting. See attachment.
   Approved without objection.

3. Adjustments to Meeting Schedule?
   • Deletion of February 4, 2014 meeting from calendar (B/c spring schedules will change)?
   • Doodle poll at end of fall 13/beginning of spring 14 to decide spring 14 meetings?

There was a brief discussion regarding deleting Feb 4 meeting because spring schedules are not yet known. It was agreed that we should delete the currently-scheduled Feb 4 meeting, and regard all spring meeting times as TBD.

II. Dept. of Communication Unit Criteria

The Chair clarified that standard practice is to present proposed unit criteria with the standard UAF template displayed using conventional type, whereas discipline specific modifications appear in all-caps.

Discussion of the Communication Unit Criteria included:
   • How do we quantify performance against the criteria?
   • It was noted that both quantitative and qualitative criteria appear, depending on disciplines.
• The committee would like to formalize a requirement for future unit criteria proposals to include a clear statement of the extent of faculty involvement in developing the proposals. (That is, a statement making it clear that these proposed criteria were reviewed and approved by a majority of the covered faculty.) In this case the cover email to the Unit Criteria Committee Chair did provide adequate clarification.

• It was noted that discipline specific additions to the unit criteria do not necessarily equate to additional performance expectations. The sense of the committee was that added language often works simply to clarify expectations, rather than increase them.

• The current proposal makes not significant changes to existing criteria – which have been approved previously.

The committee unanimously approved recommending the Communication criteria to the full Faculty Senate, with no suggested modifications.

III. Anthropology unit criteria.

• The current proposal makes not significant changes to existing criteria – which have been approved previously.

• It is noted these criteria include statements clarifying the roles and expectations for curators. This is appropriate.

• Once again, the covering email did provide an adequate statement indicating that the proposed criteria had been reviewed and approved by the Anthropology faculty.

The committee unanimously approved recommending the Anthropology criteria to the full Faculty Senate, with no suggested modifications.

IV. Other Discussion.

It was noted that we have received NEW criteria from the Music Department, to be reviewed when we meet two weeks from now. 

**Question:** (Debu) Can we ask the Music Department chair (or other representative) to attend our next meeting, for clarification purposes. 

**Answer:** This request has already been made.

V. Motion to Adjourn.

Passed unanimously.