

Curricular Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes for 3 December 2012 9-10 am Reichardt 301

Voting members present: Rainer Newberry (Chair), Retchenda George-Bettisworth (audio); David Henry; Ken Abramowicz (audio); Cindy Hardy; Sarah Hardy; Todd Radenbaugh (audio), Karen Gustafson (audio). absent: Diane McEachern

Non-voting members present: Doug Goering (audio); Carol Gering; Alex Fitts (audio); Jonathan Rosenberg (audio); Libby Eddy; Lillian Anderson-Misel; Caty Oehring. Jayne Harvie (notes).

1. Approve minutes of last meeting & Discuss: meeting 17 December? Next semester?

The minutes for the November 19 meeting were approved as submitted.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 17, 2012, same time and location as usual.

The first meeting of the spring semester was set for the Monday before classes begin and January 14 was settled upon. [Classes begin on the 17th.]

2. Report from J Rosenberg (GERC)

Jonathan R. reported that based on the survey results, they're going in the right direction. They're pursuing a more flexible program with a broader range of course choices for students to fulfill general ed requirements. Survey results showed that faculty want fewer than 39 core credits, but more than the minimum 34 required by BOR policy. They're aiming for about 36 credits.

New core designators may be added for civic engagement; intercultural and diversity content; and arctic or Alaskan issues. The LEAP outcomes cluster around four objectives. Capstone courses will cover one of those objectives. Next semester, GERC will propose a model (or models) to help identify courses fulfilling the learning objectives.

3. Old business—

A. status of proposed new minor Military Security Studies

Rainer communicated with Cam Carlson, the submitter of the new minor. It was agreed to drop mention of 'transfer from Joint Service Transcript (JST)' and change language to "10 credits of MILS electives, as approved by the Program Director, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department."

The committee approved the new minor with the request that the ROTC program be appraised of it. The changes approved by the submitter remove the conflict with that program's officer training courses. The new minor will go forward to the Administrative Committee.

B. Credit by Exam, cont.

Current policy

"A course challenged for credit cannot duplicate a course for which credit has already been granted or in which the student is currently enrolled."

Suggested (earlier) by registrar: "A course challenged for credit cannot duplicate a course for which credit has already been granted, an F grade has been received, or the student is currently enrolled." *Lots of discussion about this last time...anything wrong with retaking a failed course w/ test as long as the department is willing to do so???*

the testing website includes the following: "It is up to the discretion of the department or instructor to decide which courses can be challenged, testing method and grading procedures." *Seems like this should be in the catalog language.*

Form itself states: “and may not be used to replace a previously graded course for which you received credit” again, this ought either be in the catalog or not.... Is there anything wrong with replacing grade with test grade????

Suggested: *A course challenged for credit cannot duplicate a course for which credit has already been granted or the student is currently enrolled. It is up to the discretion of the department and instructor to decide which courses can be challenged, testing method and grading procedures.*

THIS WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
The committee supported having it remain the discretion of the department / instructor to decide which courses may be challenged for credit. All agreed that alignment of the required form with the web site and the Catalog with the language in the paragraph above would fix the issues they discussed

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Change in AA/AS = core

current policy: Any student who has completed an associate of arts or an associate of science degree from a regionally accredited school satisfying one of the criteria below will be considered as having satisfied the 100- and 200-level UAF general education (core) requirements:

- a. The AA or AS degree is from the University of Alaska, or
- b. The public universities in the state in which the community college is located also waive their core requirements in recognition of completing an AA or AS degree, that is, have established a 2+2 program, or
- c. The community college and/or community college district is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (the agency that accredits UAF), or
- d. The associate program has been approved by the UAF Core Review Committee as satisfying the 100- and 200-level general education (core) requirements.

Change to (Submitted by Registrar’s office)

Any student who has completed an associate of arts or an associate of science degree from a regionally accredited 2-year or 4-year institution (other than UAF) will be considered as having satisfied the 100- and 200-level UAF general education (core) requirements.

justification for eliminating the 2+2 portion of the AA/AS waiver policy:

1. General education requirements are substantially the same among the 6 regional accreditation bodies
2. As the policy currently stands it is frequently difficult for others (advisors, recruiters, etc.), without consulting us, to assure students with these degrees that they will receive waivers
3. It is difficult to advertise because of the caveats (not everyone understands what NWCCU is and not everyone knows which states have been approved as having a 2+2 agreement)
4. If there is an easily understood policy in place, with a minimum of restrictions, it will make it easier for UAF's schools and colleges to develop MOUs with other institutions.
5. The Registrar’s Office wants to produce transfer credit evaluations as quickly as possible so students can decide if they want to come to UAF or go elsewhere, or so they can work with their advisors to get registered. Given the 2+2 limitation it is difficult to complete the AA/AS core waiver portion of the evaluation in a timely fashion.

THIS CHANGE WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE
Meeting adjourned before all the items were discussed. Oh, well.