

Faculty Senate O/W Discussion notes for CAC

The O/W proposal (to replace O/W requirement with department communication plans) was discussed in September 14 Faculty Senate meeting. I have requested that faculty send any e-mail comments to me and will share them when/if they come. The following comments were made at the meeting:

1. Math Department is opposed.
 - a. The O/W system works great.
 - b. It is impossible to translate math outside of the discipline (don't like bullet three).
 - c. Don't want to create/manage another plan.
 - d. We want writing and oral communication covered
2. SOM is ready for a new communication plan/like the change.
3. Biology has mixed feelings about the plan.
4. Other ideas raised:
 - a. Choice is between a university wide requirement or individually tailored department requirements
 - b. Communication should be broader than just O/W.
 - c. Assessment on O/W has not been done/done well. Assessment is becoming more important to the university and accreditation.
 - d. Concerned about establishing criteria and oversight.
 - e. Would like to see example communication plans
5. Rainer suggested the following amendments and actions for bringing the motion back next meeting. The majority of faculty senators appeared to be in agreement if these items were addressed:
 - a. Add "oral" and "written" in bullet one ("Explain disciplinary content using a variety of modes of communication, including oral and written communication" or something...)
 - b. Add "as appropriate" to bullet three ("Translate disciplinary content to audiences outside the discipline as appropriate" or something...)
 - c. Provide Example Plans

Curricular Affairs Committee

AY 15/16 Draft Goals

Goal	Action to Date
Resolution of GERC proposals	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement of O/W requirement with department designed communications plans 	Discussed at September 14 FS Meeting On Agenda for September 16 CAC Meeting for amendment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace Perspectives on the Human Condition with "bucket" system 	FS Resolution to head in this direction passed (5/4/15) On Agenda for September 16 CAC Meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math and Science GER Alignment 	On Agenda for September 16 CAC Meeting
Other	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Code of Conduct Revision? 	On Agenda for September 16 CAC Meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address issues from probation actions based on summer sessions 	On Agenda for September 16 CAC Meeting
Vice Provost Fitts requests (additional info. forthcoming)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign language option change 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Double counting of courses between minor and major 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversight of capstone requirement 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic disqualification policy change 	

PHC to Bucket Plan Issues to Consider for CAC Meeting September 16, 2015

1. How should UAF distribute the requirements?
 - a. UA regs: 1 hum, 1 fine arts, 2 soc sci, 1 unspecified
 - b. UAA regs: 2 hum, 2 soc sci, 1 fine arts
 - c. UAS regs: 1 hum, 2 soc sci, 1 fine arts + 1 hum **or** soc sci
2. Should buckets include 300 and 400 level courses?
 - a. UA regs say they **should** be, but not that they **must** be
 - b. UAA's buckets include many 300 and some 400 level courses
3. What about pre-requisites?
 - a. UAA bucket lists include many courses with prerequisites, making their buckets very large.