

Minutes of the Curricular Affairs Committee

March 10, 2017

Attending: Eileen Harney, Ana Aguilar-Islas, Kate Quick, Rainer Newberry, Ken Abramowicz, Cindy Hardy, Caty Oehring, Holly McDonald, Casey Byrne, Alex Fitts, Jayne Harvey

Minute taker: Cindy

Minutes approved: The minutes of the past three meetings were approved.

Academic Misconduct Policy: The committee worked to develop a form for the Academic Misconduct Policy. We discussed whether the draft form suggested that it needed to be filled out even for an informal resolution. We agreed to include a list of informal sanctions in the description of the informal resolution. We noted that it is the intent of the committee that an instructor can delineate reasonable sanctions in the syllabus without needing to go through the formal process.

We agreed to move this policy to the Administrative Committee for approval. Eileen and Cindy will work on a handout for faculty on this policy.

Minor in Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern Studies: We discussed the issue with double counting courses in the minor and the major. Since students will still need to take the full credits for the degree, this minor will give students a place to use elective credits in related fields. The minor is 18 credits because it requires Humanities 101 as a beginning course. We approved the minor.

Ethics: In light of the statewide GER alignment, we discussed what to do with the 300-level ethics courses that are now currently listed in the UAF GER. This requirement puts us out of alignment with UAA/UAS and out of compliance with UA regulations. It also means that students who complete AA degrees elsewhere can transfer to UAF with their GER requirements considered complete, which means they don't take the ethics or LS 101 classes. After long discussion we moved to remove Ethics and LS 101 from the UAF GER requirements and move the Ethics to the Baccalaureate requirements (not AA/AS) and move LS 101 to both AA/AS and Baccalaureate requirements. This does not change the requirements for AAS and Certificates.

We also agreed that these courses would still go through the dean approval process currently in place for petitions to the GER. We agreed to add this change of catalog language to the motion and to add a line to the current petition form that indicates the steps in the approval process.

ANS GER Requirement: Eileen talked to Jessica Black who reported that the ANS committee is still talking about this. We see two options: ANS can count anywhere in a student's degree or it becomes a separate GER category or a baccalaureate requirement similar to Ethics or LS. We discussed the practicality of the second option given the current budget situation. We recognized that this will not make it to the April meeting, but we will address this in the May meeting, then flesh out how it will be done next year.

AASM: Eileen noted that she had invited SOM faculty to meet with us to discuss this; however, they weren't in attendance. We discussed the apparent conflict between SOM and CTC over this issue and noted that the Provost has agreed to talk to Michele Stalder (CTC Dean) about this. We discussed how to approach this. (Note: by the following meeting, we heard that the proposal had been withdrawn as funding had been moved to another university by the funding agency).

Adjournment: 12:10 pm.