

Curricular Affairs Committee MINUTES Monday Febr 12 2018

Wood Center Room 'B' 2 to ~3:30 pm

**Present:** Ken Abramowicz, Nicole Cundiff, Eileen Harney (Chair), Rainer Newberry, Kate Quick, Karen Taylor, Deana Waters, Ginny Kinne, Caty Oehring, Alex Fitts, Owen Guthrie, Cindy Hardy, Emily Perriman, and guest Ken Roon (new SSS director).

Meeting was called to order at approximately 2 pm.

1. R.J. Newberry agreed to take minutes, a move that many came to regret.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.
3. Eileen H. requested that we extend the meeting time by 30 min or so. Lots of business to accomplish in the next 2 months....some problems with room availability that can probably be worked out (find a corner of Wood Center?) Folks were largely agreeable to longer meetings, if productive.

**4. Old Business:**

a. ANS 'requirement' (Eileen): seems to be moving ahead. Plan is to present a motion to Fac Senate at March meeting, get feedback, and present the final version at the April meeting. Gives us the possibility of May, as well.

b. Syllabus motion (Nicole): will change slightly(1) new version will have 'Required + Optional' instead of 'Required + Recommended' (b) will put into the syllabus a requirement 'look to this web site for all kinds of useful stuff'. Most everything that's not directly class-related (e.g., outside resources, Title IX...) will go into this site and Dean of Students has agreed to put such onto her web site. The possibility for embedding a link into BB was also raised. Need to actually create such a link (although doesn't need to be fully populated at this time) and then can return the motion to Fac Senate. Nicole intends to bring it forward before the end of the academic year. We cheered.

**5. New Business:**

a. proposed Bachelor of Applied Management...not much has shown up on the Google Doc—meaning that folks are ok with it??? R Newberry addressed the problem of AAS traditionally being a 'terminal' degree, not feeding into a 4-year degree, whereas the proposed degree is supposed to facilitate such. The question of how to best inform AAS students of the bachelor degree possibility (which would involve taking a GER math & soc sci course), besides having well-informed advisors. Ginny pointed out that the catalog ALREADY notes that AAS isn't necessarily terminal --but who reads the catalog? Discussion dribbled from that point and folks agreed to take up BAM again next meeting. Members were urged (begged?) to comment in the Google doc.

b. Grade Appeals Policy revisions submitted by Fac Affairs Comm. Desultory discussion—folks recognized that the time table for such isn't perfect (and probably can't be). The general feeling was 'sure, fine, whatever' BUT the revised policy WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

c. GERC 'Decorations'...something CAC has successfully put off for several years now....We agreed to allow Leah B. to come and badger us about the topic at the next meeting.

d. (C. Hardy) Accuplacer scores for Writing course prerequisites. Ugh. Current policy isn't clear, but there's merit in having them 'expire' after 2 years (c.f., math placement tests). The problem is that Banner can't enforce such, and enforcement is up to advisors and course instructors. SADA committee is in charge of such and seems to be of several opinions. Nothing happened beyond lots of discussion. Unclear what the resolution will be, but needs to be resolved soon for next year's catalog.

e. (Eileen H.) 'Discussion on Reviving Sociology & Philosophy' The Fac Senate Leadership 'forwarded' to CAC the request to 'do something' to make Soc & Phil re-appear as academic majors at UAF. We spent about 20 minutes on this topic, but folks started dribbling out at ~ 3:05 and we lost quorum by 3:15. Ken Roon commented that he found the discussion entertaining. Alex F. was notably silent (and told us she was). Discussion included a variety of topics, including CAC's essential powerlessness, faculty on program review committees being dissed, 'faculty senate ignore the data', and general lack of good ideas.

We didn't exactly adjourn as much as came to a gradual halt as more and more left the room. General consensus: don't wanna touch this item. Be folks expressed willingness to entertain any proposed motions on the topic.

The meeting broke up at ca. 3:30 pm.