Minutes

Academic Matters Council
Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Linda Shea, Chair


APPROVE MINUTES for April 30, 2014 APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Shea announced new member Kregg Strehorn, Assistant Provost for Enrollment Management and Tom Weston, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Statistics. Bryan Harvey will no longer serve on the AMC. Provost Newman will be attending the 12/3/14 meeting to talk about her vision and our role as a council. If you have anything you would like to add to the discussion, email Linda.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee shift in policy for minor course changes.
Course Cmte. Should be attentive to too many course credit changes, as it could impact overall program/major.

OLD BUSINESS

Certificate Policy update – review of all certificates to go through AMC.
Discussions held over the summer– will be readdressed.
Distinction between certificates, minors, & majors.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

COURSE (M.J. Peterson)

Update - currently has 23+ course proposals in the system

PROGRAM (Patrick Kelly)

APPROVED PROGRAMS:

* Change in Requirements for the B.A. And B.S. Programs in Psychology
  Proposal that 18 credits in Psychology must be taken at UMass Amherst

* Change in Requirements for the Science Major in CNS
  Updating requirements, 60 credits, structure is the same, updated course numbers, adding IE course & Environmental Science concentration

* Change in Requirements for the Sociology Major
  Proposal to change all courses to 4 credit model. This would be effective 9/2015 for incoming freshmen.
  Proposal to change major to 40 credits (current is 11 courses), with at least 20 credits taken at UMass. Subcommittee wants to move forward with this regardless of 4 credit course change proposal.
* **Revisions to Concentrations in the Resource Economics Major**

3 separate proposals put forward. No changes in number of courses offered, added options to policy course, changed course list, added courses in CNS, changes from elective to required courses.

**Tabled for Approval**

* **Concentration in Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management in the Management Major**

2 courses approved by Rules Committee over summer are at Faculty Senate. Needs to be verified.

Discussion ensued concerning the need for a consistent policy for the number of courses/credits required in the major at UMass to earn a UMass degree. Impacts time to graduation for transfer students. Hardships on students created by extended time to complete required number of credits on campus. Upper level courses, 50% requirement?

**Policy (Pamela Marsh-Williams)**

**Other Business**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday October 1, 2014 @ 12:15 pm, Campus Center 904-908.