Minutes

Academic Matters Council

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Linda Shea, Co-chair
Cindy Suopis, Co-chair

Attendees: Neal Abraham, Martha Baker, Carol Barr, Bryan Beck, Stephanie Chapko, Ginger Etinde, Stuart Farber, Patrick Kelly, Linda Lendakowski, John Lenzi, Linda Lowry, Ernie May, M.J. Peterson, Linda Shea, Cindy Suopis, David Vacchi, Stephen Walt,

APPROVE MINUTES of October 16, 2013 – Stephanie Chapko was added to the list of Policy Subcommittee Members. Minutes were APPROVED as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancellor’s visit will be on January 22, 2014, 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm in Campus Center 804-808.

NEW BUSINESS

The Education Advisory Board Student Success Collaborative (EABSSC) presentation, to be held on December 4, will have the location announced at the next meeting. Carol Barr gave a brief summary and announced that the initial version of this campus-wide advising tool would be implemented by the beginning of next semester.

For clarification purposes, course credit increases are considered Minor Revisions and those requests do not go to the Course subcommittee. Instead they are handled via a memorandum from the Department Chair to the Faculty Senate Office for resolution.

OLD BUSINESS

Ernie May presented the topic of graduation rates, and encouraged the Council to consider whether it would be in support of an 80% graduation rate for the four-year term.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

COURSE (M.J. Peterson)

COMM 437, "Global Communication Theories and Issues" APPROVED
COMP-LIT 261, "Modern Arabic Literature in Comparative Perspective" APPROVED
MIDEAST 377, "Popular Culture in Israel and Palestine" APPROVED
NATSCI 389, "Team-Oriented Lab Discovery in Renewable Energy" APPROVED
POLISCI 260, "Fixing American Domestic Policy" APPROVED
POLISCI 320, "Research Methods and Statistics for Political and Social Science" APPROVED
BIOCHEM 576, “Biotechnology Process Engineering Laboratory” APPROVED

PROGRAM (Patrick Kelly)

Online Certificate in Sustainable Business Practice APPROVED
Change of Name of Major in Env. Design to Major in Sustainable Community Dev. APPROVED

POLICY (Pamela Marsh-Williams)
OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday November 20, 2013 @ 12:15 PM, Campus Center 804-808.