

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
November 19, 2007
Library Room 140
4:00-5:30

Those present: Dr. Frank Novotny, Dr. Ed Crowther, Professor Margaret Doell, Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy, Dr. Kurt Keiser, Dr. Kim Kelso, Dr. Anthony Laker, Dr. Bill Lipke, Dr. Matt Nehring, Dr. Aida Sahud, Dr. Susan Varhely, and Dr. Brent Ybarrondo.

Absent: Dr. Michael Martin and Dr. Mary Valerio

Announcements by Dr. Novotny

HLC Visit

Went well; focused on Extended Campus and Graduate Program.

Action Items:

Approval of October 22, 2007 Minutes

The minutes of the October 22 meeting were approved with the following corrections in the announcements section, under Provost Mumper, submitted by Dr. Nehring: “Early November names will be . . .” should be “In early November names will be . . .” and “Look at catalogue review . . .” should be “Look at catalog review . . .”

Agenda Addition:

Will add Dr. Nehring update to item B. under discussion items.

Discussion Items:

Arium

This concerns the Singapore students taking on-line courses through ASC Extended Studies and bringing in transfer credits from a school that is non-accredited but registered. Registered is not the same as being accredited. This would be similar to having an Articulation Agreement with a non-accredited school. Chairs are being asked to evaluate syllabi for transfer credit, which is time consuming. Looking at doing transfer evaluations only after student has completed 24 ASC credit hours with a 2.0 GPA or better? All ASC requirements would need to be met for graduation. Chairs may ask questions regarding course or instructor and this would not be a done deal until chairs accept syllabi. If syllabi are not accepted by a chair then Dr. Novotny will need justification to take back to Provost Mumper.

Policy - Catalog Changes and Dr. Nehring Update

Professor Doell, Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy, and Dr. Matthew Nehring are sitting on the Catalog Committee. It appears that there are separate requirements for curricular change and catalog change and the policy needs to reflect that curricular changes can be submitted to the CRC throughout the academic year and a separate catalog deadline needs to be established. Need common voice when submitting course descriptions. Academic Council could develop guidelines similar to institutional syllabi guidelines meeting certain criteria Dr. Nehring, Dr. Guerrero-Murphy, and Professor Doell will work on the guidelines and suggestions or ideas may be e-mailed to them. Dr. Robert Benson, CRC chair, is also on the Catalog Committee. CRC is looking to streamline process using 3 levels. It was clarified that once changes have been entered into Banner it is O.K. to offer course and the changes do not need to be in

catalog. AC feels that there is a lack of communication between CRC and AC. AC is not getting enough information to approve or reject recommendations from CRC. Dr. Novotny will ask that the CRC spread sheet be sent to chairs. Presently the CRC reports to the APAA and then the APAA reports to AC as an informational item. Dr. Novotny will ask that the CRC spread sheet be sent to chairs. Professor Doell will work on the wording in the catalog policy.

Policy – Absences

The policy comes from the student handbook. There was some discussion regarding the wording and Dr. Novotny will work with Mr. Marquez regarding changes for next year.

National Searches - AD

Dr. Ed Crowther distributed a document for discussion and it was agreed that Dr. Crowther would make some changes in wording and then send out electronically to chairs for their approval on 11/20/07. Once an agreement has been reached by the chairs then the document will be sent to Dr. Novotny and he will quickly report back to AC and the next steps will be decided at that time.

+/- Grading

Dr. Novotny reported that the +/- grading was moving forward and will be ready for spring. There will be no trial run. The +/- grading decision was made 2 years ago by faculty vote.

Information Items from Areas:

Dr. Guerrero-Murphy has a book published “Table Walking at Nighthawk” and her book will be available on campus, at the Narrow Gauge Newsstand, and through Ghost Road Press. A “Beginning French” class will be offered in spring and will be taught by a very qualified adjunct. The course was requested by several music students.

Professor Doell shared that there would be one more chance to see the Grizzly Totem Project on display in the Cloyde Snook Gallery tomorrow morning before 9:00AM.

Dr. Kelso announced that Psi Chi, the honor club, will hold their Induction Ceremony from 4:00PM – 5:00PM on November 28th. Dr. Mumper will speak and snacks will be provided.

Dr. Sahud announced that the Nursing Program will hold a meeting/dinner in the Luther Bean Museum on Tuesday, November 27 at 5:30PM. This meeting is being held to introduce the BSN to the community.

Dr. Lipke shared that on Sunday December 2, the ASC Orchestra and Valley Community Chorus will be performing in the Richardson Hall Auditorium at 3:30pm. Fifty-percent of the proceeds will be going to the newly-formed SLV Chapter of the Autism Society of America.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37PM

Respectfully submitted by,

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