

Curriculum Committee
Meeting Minutes, April 3, 2020

Attendees: Lynette Claire, Elena Staver, Brad Reich, Julie Christoph, Jonathon Stockdale, Courtney Thatcher, Gary McCall, Jake Price, Kathleen Campbell, Maria Sampen, Oscar Secrist, Jeff Tepper, William Barry

Meeting called to order at 3:32pm, through google hangouts

Agenda item #1:

Conversation about diversity language, working group B was tasked with this. Working group B discussed that the language in the charge was potentially too prescriptive and confusing. The currently proposed language is:

“How does your department, school, or program use principles of backwards design, the creation of shared classroom agreements or other methods to encourage holistic student-centered classrooms that address the needs of a diverse student body? Additionally, how do you prepare faculty and student for potential conversations around course content and identity?”

Working group B feels qualified to recommend the continued use of question 6 using hyperlinks, paying particular attention to how people are responding to question 6. It was discussed that the present language is relatively prescriptive without being too specific about how you had to engage with it, this proposal would make the demands extra specific. Julie Cristoph identified that this issue continues to get punted to the following year without a lot of guidance or specificity, so directing that now may be a helpful thing to do. Brad’s amended language is not too specific and provides positive structure. This proposed language is listed below.

“How does the curriculum of your department, school, or program engage with the university’s Diversity Statement and the university’s Diversity Strategic Plan? Responses may include, but are not limited to, concepts or ideas such as backwards design, creating shared classroom agreements, or any other method(s) that address the needs of a diverse student body.”

There is a motion to approve Brad’s revised language. That motion is seconded.

The motion passes. William Barry is against the motion, everyone else is in support, no abstentions

Agenda item #2: Other business and updates as needed

- There is conversation about charging staff senate with and asking CC next year to continuing to pay attention to department responses of question number 6 and taking responsibility for deciding how to hold people accountable
- An update about the summer bridge program: The committee is meeting regularly, but the program itself will be pushed back a year to resume in the summer of 2021
- A desire for clarifying the CC tasks for the remainder of the semester. Potentially allowing for flexibility in what we are charged with and accomplish. Some of these other tasks include a core review of mathematics and IPE 7-year review

Move to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 4:02pm