

Curriculum Committee

Minutes of the January 22, 2016 Meeting

Present: Robert Beezer (Secretary), David Chiu, James Evans, Lisa Ferrari, Nick Kontogeorgopoulos (Chair), Chris Kendall, Pat Krueger, Julia Looper, Gabe Newman, Kieran O'Neil, Elise Richman, Brett Rogers, Brad Tomhave, John Woodward.

Visitor: Elinor Rogers.

Absent a returning Chair from the previous semester, Associate Dean FERRARI called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM in the McCormick Room.

After a short disclaimer about an administrator running a faculty committee, FERRARI opened the floor to nominations for a chair for the Spring semester. After an awkward silence, KONTOGEOPOULOS offered to serve and was immediately confirmed by a hearty round of applause.

For the benefit of new members, and everybody else coming back from a long break, KONTOGEOPOULOS reminded the committee of work in progress:

- The “wise counsel” documents from last summer need more attention. The forms are being expanded and reworked, with input from the Registrar’s Office. There is the question of what to require in a syllabus. Documents that are more of a policy nature need approval and decisions about where they will be housed.
- How the committee works with input from the Institutional Research office is another pending discussion.
- The question of applying a KNOW overlay to a SSI course has not been settled. And all the while, its originator, Professor Bristow, waits.
- Procedures for evaluating and approving Experiential Learning courses is the final major item of unfinished business.

Working Group 1 Report EVANS reported that their 5-Year Review of Physical Therapy is nearly complete after some satisfactory back-and-forth with questions and responses. A major change is the distribution of units to courses and the numerical expectation of a full-time course of study. This discussion included the Registrar’s Office and they are performing a last review of the final plan.

Review of the Artistic Arts Approaches core area continues.

Working Group 2 Report There was no report.

Working Group 3 Report RICHMAN reported two items. A Special Interdisciplinary Major (SIM) in biophysics for Abby Scurfield required that a revision (a course change) be approved, which happened late in the Fall semester. The group's 5-Year Review of Psychology is close to being completed.

Working Group 4 Report KONTOGEOURGOPOULOS, in his role as *former* lead for this group, reported that three KNOW proposals had been received and were pending.

SSI + KNOW KONTOGEOURGOPOULOS reviewed the history of this item and proposed that it rightly belongs before the full Faculty. ROGERS asked if the minutes of faculty meetings, or faculty involved in the establishment of the KNOW requirement, had been consulted about the original intent. KONTOGEOURGOPOULOS replied that this had been done already and was not conclusive enough. EVANS suggested we provide the Faculty with language that makes it clear a KNOW overlay can be part of an SSI course, and separate language that makes it clear that a KNOW overlay cannot be part of an SSI course, with or without a recommendation from the committee. KONTOGEOURGOPOULOS plans to draft such language.

The Chair had previously scheduled himself into another appointment, so the meeting did not consume the entire hour. The motion to adjourn was made by RICHMAN, professor of Art, at 1:34 PM. The next meeting of the full committee will be Friday, January 29 at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Beezer