A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate University Curriculum Committee was convened at 3:30 p.m. on December 11, 2008, with Chair Stefan Cairns presiding.

Members Present: Stefan Cairns (Chair), Rochelle Barabas, Keshave Bhattarai, Leigh Ann Blunt, Stefan Cairns, Lori Cochran, Doug Couch, Nancy Forth, Michael Grele, Peggy Kantz, Mary Kelly, Terry Nicoletti, Joy Stevenson, Jim Taylor, Gregory Turner and Donna Mayeux (Recording Secretary).

Absent: Nicholas Fessler, Ryan Hinds, Scott McKay, Rich Morrell, Clint Orr, Dan Schierenbeck, and Christine Wright.

Guest: Ryan Peterson and Jason Scales.

I. Minutes –November
The November 20, 2008 minutes were accepted as written.

II. Program Proposals
a. CFD Minor Program Proposal
Ryan Peterson reported that the Child and Family Development program has been offering individualized minors for the past twenty years. There is student need and interest for this degree so a formalized minor is being proposed. No additional classes or seats are needed and there is no need for additional faculty – not even five years down the road. Having a formalized degree will provide better advising and oversight.

Terry Nicoletti/Michael Grele moved to accept the proposed CFD Minor.
Passed Unanimously.

b. Vocational Ag Education Program Revision
Jason Scales reported that this proposal was started two years ago and the department dropped the ball seeing it all the way through the curriculum process. When originally proposed, the program was under Science and Technology but with the reorganization it now sits under Education. They would like to see the program dual listed. Stefan Cairns advised that Laura Miller is the person to contact to get a dual listing in the catalog.

The name change is because the word “vocational” is not used anymore now that the state has changed the language to Career Education. Other institutions have changed the degree names to Agricultural Education to reflect the state and national changes. Peggy Kantz suggested editing the quotation marks around the word education on one page. Also the word “functional” needs to be deleted.

Leigh Ann Blunt/Peggy Kantz moved to accept the proposal to change the program title from Vocational Agriculture Education to Agricultural Education along with the minor edits that were recommended.
Passed Unanimously.

c. International Studies BA New Program
Stefan Cairns reported that Clint Orr, College Curriculum Committee chair gave him his proxy vote and put up the edits that FSUCC had previously requested on this proposal. The college dean has also approved the proposal but neither the dean nor the college committee has had an opportunity to post the signatures on line. Discussion followed. Mike Grele asked Mary Kelly to make a note to request a catalog correction to SOC 4810 and 4850 – the catalog still states grad standing. Grele said Kelly should contact Lisa Runyan of the Registrar’s Office regarding the correction.
The Committee suggested the following edits to the Proposed Catalog Copy:

- Change the word “Area” to “Content”
- Change the word “Concentrations” to “Specializations”
- Change Modern Language Requirement hours from 0-12 to 12 with a qualifier about language proficiency
- Change Free Electives number from 22-30 to 18
- Remove COMM 3340 for now since has pre-req COMM 2320 or GEO 2212 which are not listed
- Signatures of dean and provost

Additional discussion followed about some departments counting courses as Gen Ed courses that are not approved Gen Ed courses. Stefan Cairns recommended this subject be addressed at a Gen Ed Committee meeting.

The question was raised about the extra faculty line mentioned in the proposal since UCM is under a hiring freeze and facing budget cuts. Jim Staab responded that they currently have faculty who can teach the courses – they will have to use some creative scheduling and would like to eventually have that line. They realize it is an unknown for now but the dean sees it as a high priority.

Mary Kelly/Peggy Kantz moved to accept the proposed B.A. in International Studies with the revisions listed above.

Passed Unanimously.

III. Discussion Items

a. General Education Update

Mike Grelle gave an update of the Gen Ed Phase I work group. Meetings are being held twice per week with Alice Greife as chair. Grelle suspects Phase I will be finished around January then move into Phase II. Phase II will deal with courses – the real “meat and potatoes” part of it. The guidelines for the work group direct it to make requirements more flexible and get the required hours down to 42. Grelle also reported that CBASE is probably going to be a thing of the past once the revised general education program is completed.

Shelly Barabas reported that the Gen Ed Committee is continuing work on revision 1, revision 2, and area A, then getting ready to go into area B. The process is going smooth.

b. Next Meeting

Cairns announced that the next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in MAR 128.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mayeux, Recording Secretary