I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

J. Wolfskill moved to approve the agenda, seconded by S. Marsh. Motion carried.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Approval of minutes from November 20, 2013 meeting

S. Marsh made a motion to accept the minutes with a correction (see below), seconded by Zinger. Motion passed unanimously.

Under College of HHS #9 – FCNS 398: Open only to declared Family and Child Studies majors in the Family and Individual Development emphasis with senior standing.
III. OLD BUSINESS

A. College of Education – SEED Special Education GPA justification

Mogren indicated that the request was to change the cumulative GPA from 3.0 to 2.5. This had been tabled when it was originally submitted back in 2012 and APASC requested justification of the decrease in GPA. There was an email from Sarah Johnston-Rodriguez providing information from SEED justifying the change. Lynette Chandler from SEED was present as a guest to speak on the matter. She indicated the justification presented is the same as was used for Vision and Early childhood education, which passed this committee. Chandler also said that in addition to the rationale, the department believes that passing the TAP (Test of Academic Proficiency) is actually more difficult than achieving the 3.0 GPA requirement. Eaton pointed out that there were incidences of students whose GPA was 3.0 that didn’t pass the TAP.

J. Wolfskill made a motion to approve the change of GPA from 3.0 to 2.5 for SEED, seconded by J. Umoren. Motion passed unanimously.

B. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences – Visiting Student Information

This item was sent back to the College of LA&S after the November meeting requesting clarification. Sue Doederlein sent an email with the justification and revision to the language for visiting students. After discussing the matter, J. Wolfskill made a motion to approve the catalog language for visiting students, as shown below, seconded by L. Marcellus. Motion passed unanimously.

A student who has not previously enrolled in NIU as an undergraduate degree seeking student may apply for temporary admission and take courses as a visiting student for one academic semester or summer session."

“Visiting student are limited to 15 credit hours; those who wish to enroll in additional hours must reapply through the Office of Admissions.”
IV. NEW BUSINESS

College of Education #3, September 17, 2013  
Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education

This is a request for approval of a C or better in KNPE 305, KNPE 314, KNPE 445, KNPE 452, KNPE 463 and the university’s mathematics core competencies. The rationale submitted indicates that these five courses are the main foundational courses for the B.S. in Kinesiology and therefore students who receive grades below a C have not adequately learned the core concepts central to the major.

There was discussion pertaining to the rationale provided. Wolfskill brought up what prevents any department from requesting similar approval for any grouping of courses for any given major; pointing out that programs dealing with licensure have such requirements. Eaton pointed out that the 2.5 GPA would indicate that students cannot be flat C students. Hathaway added that higher grades would need to be earned in order for a student to meet the 2.5 GPA requirement. The discussion also included the topic of satisfactory completion. It was pointed out that a grade of D is considered satisfactory completion. There was no evidence presented showing how the C grades adequately prepare the students.

J. Wolfskill made a motion to refer the issue back to the department (for evidence/support of how the C or better grades in those courses show students are adequately prepared), seconded by J. Stephens. **Motion passed unanimously.**

College of Health & Human Sciences - #8, October 18, 2013  
FCNS 289, FCNS 299 –

Umoren said that these courses are similar to the way that credit is given in the CHHS B.G.S. degree. She also indicated that this method is used for students who possess the A.A.S degree. There is a formula for calculating the credit and the curriculum committee reviews the amount of credit to be given as calculated by the advisor. She pointed out credit cannot exceed 30 hours.

S. Marsh made a motion to approve FCNS 289 and FCNS 299, seconded by L. Marcellus with a correction of the spelling of Merchandising. **Motion passed 6 yeas, 1 no.**

B.S. in Textiles, Apparel and Merchandising Degree Completion Program

There was a brief discussion regarding the 30 hour residency requirement, 30 hours required to be taken at NIU and the 40 hour upper division requirement.

J. Umoren made a motion to accept the degree completion language, seconded by J. Hathway. **Motion passed unanimously.**
College of Health & Human Sciences - #10 – FCNS 485
Methodology in Family Life Education (new course)

Mogren said the grade of C or better in FCNS 180, FCNS 284, FCNS 280 or PSYC 225 is what brings the request to this committee. Umoren added that this is similar to the other emphases within the department.

J. Umoren made a motion to approve the requirements, seconded by D. Zinger. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

J. Hathaway made a motion to adjourn @ 4:50 p.m., seconded by L. Marcellus. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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