Committee on the Improvement of Undergraduate Education
April 6, 2015
(14-15, #5)

APPROVED

Members present: Jason Hanna (LAS); Sheryl Honig (EDU); Ed Klonoski, Acting Associate Vice Provost (for Birberick); Mike Konen (LAS); Brian Mackie (BUS); Linda Matuszewski (UCC/BUS); Beth McGowan (ULIB); Victor Ryzhov (LAS)

Members absent: J.D. Bowers (Associate Vice Provost for Honors); Karen Brandt (HHS); Shanthi Muthuswamy (EET)

Others: Jeanne Ratfield, (Administrative Assistant to Vice Provost) Recorder.

I. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by B. McGowan, seconded by S. Honig to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by M. Konen, seconded by L. Matuszewski to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2015 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

E. Klonoski spoke about the curricular committee restructuring. The purpose is to separate the curricular committees from the non-curricular committees as well as streamline the curricular process. The CIUE and CUAE would combine to form the CIUAE and report directly to the University Council. The membership of the CIUAE will be adjusted to maintain the current representation of the separate committees.

The curricular structure will be three tiered resulting in less redundancy at the university level. There will be a department curriculum committee, college curriculum committee and the university-level committee, which will be called the Baccalaureate Curriculum Council (BCC). The duties of the BCC will be the combination of APASC and CUC. The membership of the newly established BCC will maintain the combined representation of what APASC and CUC currently have. The proposal was vetted through the University Council’s Academic Policies Committee, which took it to a first reading at the University Council and it will come up for a vote at the UC’s April 29th
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meeting. This reorganization will also give needed authority to the GEC to create policy instead of just making suggestions. This is being done now so that it is able to be in place next fall. Klonoski urged members to contact their UC representatives to let them know whether they are supportive or not so they may vote accordingly.

Honig asked about applications for writing infused courses. Klonoski indicated he was putting together a team of eight for a writing implementation team. They will be the ones developing the criteria and deciding how that will be vetted. They will look at what is going on nationally. The Writing Center will play a part in assisting with the writing infused courses as proposed by the PLUS task force. The task force had recommended additional funding for the Writing Center.

Klonoski also announced that the Pathways development are moving forward with faculty commitments lining up. The goal is that Pathways will be available for students in the Fall of 2016. There was also a brief discussion regarding general education courses not being in Pathways.

IV. Adjournment

M. Konen made a motion to adjourn @ 1:40 p.m., seconded by S. Honig. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Ratfield