PRESENT: G. Aase (BUS/OMIS), M. Lenczewski (LAS/GEOG/Chair), D. Changnon (Acting Associate Vice Provost), J. Gray-Stanley (HHS/NUHS), S. Konig (EDU/TCY/UCC), R. Schneider (VPA/THEA), F. Solares-Larvare (LAS/FL & L), R. Tatara (EET/TECH), S. Wallace (EDU/ETRA/CITC), A. Ward (LAS/POLS)

CONSULTANTS: D. Smith (Catalog Editor/Curriculum Coordinator)

GUESTS: C. Fox, A. Levin, M. Pritchard, L. Smart

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Solares-Larvare made a motion, seconded by Gray-Stanley, to APPROVE THE AGENDA. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Approved minutes from November 11, and November 18, 2010.
2. Items previously in Section B, now reported for inclusion in the catalog (Section C).
3. Items reported for inclusion in the catalog by another standing committee of the UCC (Section D).

CONSENT AGENDA

Solares-Larvare made a motion, seconded by Gray-Stanley, to RECEIVE THE COLLEGE MINUTES WITH NO UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULAR ITEMS. The motion passed unanimously. The following college minutes with no undergraduate-level curricular items were so received.

College of Business #6
College of Business #7
College of Education #8
College of Engineering and Engineering Technology #5
College of Engineering and Engineering Technology #6
College of Engineering and Engineering Technology #7

Aase made a motion, seconded by Solares-Larvare, RECEIVE THE COLLEGE MINUTES WITH UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULAR ITEMS. The motion passed unanimously. The following college minutes with undergraduate-level curricular items were so received.

College of Business #8
College of Education #5 (pending Pres. Peters approval)
College of Education #6
College of Education #7
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences #8 (This is just FYI, the only curricular item is the previously approved Minor in Global Studies.)
Committee members were reminded that the curricular items in page 1-8 were withdrawn from their consideration in fall 2010 since the proposal for the B.A./B.S. in Women’s Studies still needed approval by the provost. The college has since received approval and the proposal is now before the CUC. Levin explained that there are over 100 women’s studies programs in universities across the country and many of them are moving towards full degree programs. She added that this is an important educational opportunity for several groups of students, including those who are genuinely interested in the topic as well as those who are looking to change their majors. She pointed out that NIU’s program offers two emphases: Women and Gender Studies, and Gender and Science. Levin noted that the Gender and Science emphasis is a result of the work the women’s studies program has done with the sciences in the past and has a strong STEM subemphasis. Tatara asked if the five core courses in women’s studies are enough to base a degree on. Levin responded that the interdisciplinary nature of the program follows the model of most of the programs in the country. Aase asked if this is the right model, though, and Levin answered that she did a lot of research during her sabbatical and found this is the best model and they have worked hard on the sequencing of courses. She stated that the program has carefully reviewed all the courses listed to make sure they are appropriate and available. In addition, they do intensive advising to ensure students are taking the proper courses for their purposes and interests. Solares-Larrave pointed out some inaccuracies with two FLSP courses. There was also discussion regarding potential hidden prerequisites in electives, specifically the science courses. Aase recommending adding a footnote for courses with prerequisites. Levin said she would be reluctant to do so since there are departments that are willing to waive prerequisites. The courses listed from departments outside the college were discussed and it was noted that the program has permission to include those courses except NURS 380 since only nursing majors may enroll in that course. The long list of electives was discussed and Levin pointed out that each one deals with women and/or gender. Solares-Larrave made a motion, seconded by Schneider, to APPROVE THE B.A./B.S. IN WOMEN’S STUDIES PENDING BOT AND IBHE APPROVAL. Motion passed unanimously. The other curricular items in pages 1-8 were discussed. Inaccuracies with two FLSP courses were again pointed out. There was also confusion regarding what appears to be the deletion of the minor. Gray-Stanley made a motion, seconded by Solares-Larrave, to APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE MINOR IN WOMEN’S STUDIES. Motion passed unanimously. Smith will inform the college that the text stricken out for the minor was not approved. [NOTE: After the meeting, Smith clarified the issues with the minor and an electronic vote was taken to approve the addition of FLSP 439 to the minor. Also, after contacting the college to clarify electives, it was decided to revisit this degree at the April 14, 2011, CUC meeting.]
explained that the college is moving several programs from the Department of Teaching and Learning to the Departments of Literacy and Leadership, Educational Psychology and Foundations. The Department of Teaching and Learning will be renamed to Special Education and Early Childhood Education. This will result in programs being identified with their departments. She clarified that there are no curricular changes, they are simply moving programs. She added that the college has already started to create synergy among faculty in the affected departments. She noted that the urgency comes from the need to meet Board of Trustees deadlines in order to have changes in place by July 1, 2011. Aase asked if this better aligns with accrediting bodies and Fox responded that it does. Gray-Stanley reported that the School of Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences and the College of Health and Human Sciences are concerned with the new department name. Interested parties have discussed the concerns with no resolution and there is another meeting scheduled for March 17, 2011. The School of Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences currently shares the Early Childhood Studies Interdisciplinary Major with the Department of Teaching and Learning and has a childhood development emphasis. Lenczewski reported that she received concerns from the Department of Mathematical Sciences and that the changes to math might impact students. Fox reiterated that no changes are being made to program requirements, including math. Lenczewski also pointed out some changes she did see to the curriculum, but Fox noted that this may be due to some courses moving from requirements in department to requirements outside of department. Aase made a motion, seconded by Gray-Stanley, to TABLE THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULAR ITEMS IN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION #10 (2/23/11) UNTIL FURTHER CONVERSATIONS ARE HELD WITH THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS ARE CLARIFIED. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **EET #10**

   The CUC tabled these minutes at the September 16, 2010 meeting. Regarding course revision ELE 429, it was suggested that “as well as” be changed to “and must” (3rd line). A course revision for ELE 429 was sent through another set of CEET minutes and was approved by CUC 11/11/10. Regarding new electives for the B.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering, documentation is still needed from affected departments regarding the capacity of the courses being added and courses listed under the “technical” heading need to be reconsidered. An updated version of the revisions to the B.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering was approved by the CUC on 11/11/10. Regarding the Minor in Sustainable Engineering, this has already received all the necessary approvals, so the college was asked if it could be withdrawn from these minutes so they can go through. Additional items that were not in question by the CUC were sent through in subsequent minutes. **Several items remain for your consideration:** ELE 437, ELE 491, ELE 492, ELE: Other catalog change to Emph 2 Tracks 1 & 2, TECH 345, TECH 497. Aase made a motion,
seconded by Tatara, to APPROVE THE REMAINING UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULAR ITEMS FROM COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY #10. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **EDU #14**
The CUC tabled these minutes pending clarification of APASC’s concerns from their meeting on 10/13/10. Nothing more has been received at this time.

3. Adding courses from another college/checking on course capacity. With the approval of CUC members, Wallace will coordinate a meeting with the curricular secretaries to discuss what processes they are using and will compile a procedure. Aase suggested that the form also include a notification(108,551),(890,871) of how many catalogs they would need. Updates on these conversations will be provided as available.
Aase made a motion, seconded by Solares-Larrave to adjourn. Motion passed by acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 14, 2011, 12:30, Altgeld 225.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Smith