CUC Chair Lenczewski called the meeting to order.

Due to new members and guests, introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lenczewski asked that CUC Section C and Section D be added under announcements. Hunt made a motion, seconded by Jaffee, to APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Smith explained that she will post the Section C and Section D that accompany this meeting to Vibe. These are information documents only. For Section C, these are curricular items that the CUC approved but needed approvals by another committee other than the UCC. For example, there were several course revisions to general education courses that needed, and received, GEC approval. The Section D is a report of catalog changes approved by other committees that report to the UCC. In these report are some changes to SAT scores and the catalog changes for the PLUS general education program that were approved by the GEC last fall.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jaffee made a motion, seconded by Bah, to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. The motion passed unanimously. The following college minutes with no undergraduate-level curricular items were so received.

   College of Business #4
   College of Business #5
College of Education #6
College of Education #7
College of Education #7a (extra combined meeting of CEDU and CLAS)

The following college minutes with undergraduate-level curricular items were so received.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences #10

COLLEGE MINUTES AND OTHER CURRICULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

**College of Education #8**

Lenczewski reported that in these minutes is the proposal for the new middle level teaching and learning major. The C or better language and 2.50 GPA requirements have been approved by APASC. Werderich said that a lot of work has gone into developing this program. About three years ago the state started pursuing what should be involved in order to offer licensure in the middle grades. So a committee was put together to develop the program at NIU, to make sure it included all the professional educator preparation requirements and to offer the four key disciplinary areas required by the state (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social science). Werderich explained that what makes NIU’s program unique among its competitors is that students will get endorsements in two specialty areas. The program has been approved by the college curriculum committees of CEDU and CLAS and it was agreed upon by both colleges that the program will be housed in the College of Education. Lenczewski said that the state is requiring that universities start admitting students to the middle grades program by the fall of 2015, so this needs to be approved by then, even if it won’t appear in the catalog. That’s why the CUC had to meet a week earlier than scheduled and she thanked CUC members for accommodating the change. This will go to the UCC next Thursday in time to meet deadlines for the next BOT meetings. After BOT approval, the program will go to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). Parker said that the program will also go to the Academic Planning Committee (APC) this coming Monday.

Lenczewski asked how many other institutions will be offering a similar program and Parker said that they all will have a middle grades programs as required by the state. Jaffee asked if elementary education students taking an art course will be affected and Parker said that they would not; elementary education students would still need the art requirements. New methods courses were noted and they will have the MLTL designator. It was also noted that a new MATH course is working its way through CLAS. Aase made a motion, seconded by Hunt, TO APPROVE THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULAR ITEMS IN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION #8 (1/27/14) PENDING BOT, ISBHE, AND IBHE APPROVAL. Motion passed unanimously.

**College of Health &**

Lenczewski explained that these minutes are related to CLAS #11. They are
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Human Sciences #10
proposing to move the American Sign Language (ASL) courses from the School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders to the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. The CUC discussed the rationale for the change, which is to place the courses with Foreign Languages and Literatures because the ASL courses fulfill the foreign language requirement for the B.A. degree. And eliminating the courses wasn’t desirable since there is still a lot of interested by students. Jaffee made a motion, seconded by Bah, TO APPROVE THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULAR ITEMS IN COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES #10 (12/5/14). Motion passed unanimously.

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences #11
Gómez-Vega made a motion, seconded by Gray, TO APPROVE THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULAR ITEMS IN COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES #11 (11/26/14). Motion passed unanimously.

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences #12
In these minutes are new course proposals ENGL 203 and ENGL 204, which will take the place of ENGL 104 and ENGL 105 under the new PLUS general education program. The change comes as a result of recommendations from the PLUS process where students have asked for more relevant writing courses and faculty have asked for more writing courses in general. The department felt very comfortable moving forward with these proposals. Day explained that ENGL 203A will cover all knowledge domains, and ENGL 203B, 203C, and 203D will cover specific domains. Students may choose any one of the courses offerings. He added that only 203A will be offered this fall. Then in spring 2016 English will pilot a few sections of 203B, C, and D next spring in addition to 203A to test the student interest in these specialized sections. It was clarified that instructors would not be teaching specific topics in the knowledge domains; they will be teaching how to write about those topics. Day said that the department will have a comprehensive faculty development program to assist instructors and that there are common elements that are required for every section. It was reported that APASC approved the “C or better” language. Day explained that the course needs to be passed with a C or better to stay in line with Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) agreements. There was also a discussion regarding how this will be implemented in MyNIU and Klonoski will follow-up on that and report on it at next week’s UCC meeting. It was asked if the three domains are common at other institutions and Klonoski responded that they are not unique. He said the motivation behind the domains was to respond to faculty who have asked for more writing, especially in the second year, and to offer more flexibility for students. Aase made a motion, seconded by Gómez-Vega, TO APPROVE THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULAR ITEMS IN COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES #12 (1/8/15). Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. PLUS catalog language. Klonoski reported that the PLUS general education language has been
approved all the way through the University Council.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Hunt made a motion, seconded by Gómez-Vega, TO ADJOURN. Motion passed by acclamation at 1:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 12:30, Altgeld 203.

Respectfully submitted,

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