CUC Chair Lenczewski called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lenczewski asked that approval of the minutes from the November 13, 2014, meeting be added to the agenda. Bah made a motion, seconded by Gray, to APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jaffee asked that under College of Visual and Performing Arts #2 “… that B.F.A. is the commercial degree …” be changed to “… that B.F.A. is the professional degree …. ” Jaffee made a motion, seconded by Hunt, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 13, 2014, CUC MEETING AS AMENDED. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no curricular items for the consent agenda.

COLLEGE MINUTES AND OTHER CURRICULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. CEDU #5. This was tabled at the last CUC meeting for verification of nonduplication for EPFE 302 and for clarification of the science and social science requirements in the B.A. in Elementary Education. It was reported that the verification of nonduplication was received from NGOLD and WOMS for EPFE 302. The CUC was also presented with alternative language for the science and
social science requirements in the B.A. in Elementary Education. Hunt made a motion, seconded by Jaffee, TO APPROVE THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULAR ITEMS IN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION #5 (10/21/14). Motion passed unanimously.

2. CHHS #8. New course NURS 380 was tabled at the last CUC meeting for the school to consider naming the course “Promoting Academic and Career Success in Nursing.” It was reported that the college and school accepted this suggestion. Jaffee made a motion, seconded by Bah, TO APPROVE NEW COURSE NURS 380 AS REVISED. Motion passed unanimously.

3. APPM changes
   a. Curricular Definitions Items 2 (tabled 4/10/14). Nothing more on this at this time.

4. PLUS catalog language. Birberick reported that the GEC worked on this at their last meeting (11/20/14); they reviewed the language section by section. Changes were suggested to make the language more user friendly and to eliminate repetitive language. She noted that the CUC did have a chance to look at the overall framework and those suggestions were shared with the GEC. The GEC unanimously approved the language as revised. Lenczewski explained that per the CUC’s bylaws, catalog language for the general education program is reviewed by the GEC, then it will go forward to the Undergraduate Coordinating Council (UCC). Birberick added that there are many facets to the PLUS program and that several committees of the UCC will be reviewing the portions that fall under their purview according to the bylaws of each of those committees (i.e., APASC, CUC, GEC). She will also be meeting with the chairs of those committees to align what parts of PLUS each one will be working on. Lenczewski said that she will update the CUC members after that meeting. One of the changes the CUC will be seeing will be course revisions to ENGL 103, ENGL 104, and ENGL 105, which are currently being worked on by the Department of English and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Because there are CUC items that will need to be approved before the February, 2015, meeting, there will need to be a meeting in January. Committee members discussed dates and decided to meet on January 15, 2015. Birberick also reported that PLUS will be implemented in stages, which will allow for faculty to have the opportunity to develop proposals for Pathways.

5. UNIV 101 and UNIV 201 course revisions. Birberick explained that the CUC is looking at just the course revisions. The revisions better reflect the enhanced focus of the courses. Since CUC members were aware that the PLUS Task Force is recommending that these courses be required, there was some discussion on whether or not the courses should be required. Birberick said that it is OK if the CUC discusses this issue, but it will be up to APASC to decide on whether or not UNIV 101 and UNIV 201 should be baccalaureate requirements. The only purview of the CUC is catalog revisions for the courses. Lenczewski said she would take any suggestions on this issue to the APASC chair. The CUC members discussed the language that says students take the course in their first two semesters at NIU. It was noted that this is just a revision of existing language and it makes it clearer for students. It was suggested that “Enrollment” be removed from the new sentences in both courses and CUC members accepted that suggestion. Hunt made a motion, seconded by Bah, TO APPROVE THE COURSE REVISIONS TO UNIV 101 AND UNIV 201 AS AMENDED. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Hunt made a motion, seconded by Bah, TO ADJOURN. **Motion passed by acclamation at 1:30 p.m.**

The next meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2015, 12:30, location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Smith