

Curriculum Committee Minutes - February 7, 2020

Members in Attendance: Julie Christoph, Jacob Price, Jennifer Pitonyak, Kathleen Campbell, Lynnette Claire, Jonathan Stockdale, Gary McCall, Maria Sampen, Courtney Thatcher, Brad Reich, Jeff Tepper

- The minutes from the 12/6/19 meeting were approved.
- Working Group A reported on their examination of the 7-Year Review submitted by the Art Department. Specific comments included the following:
 - The Art Department does a good job of ‘hands on’ teaching, and of enhancing diversity by bringing in outside speakers.
 - The department would like to drop its ceramics track (because their ceramicist is retiring) and replace it with a digital media / new media track.
 - The department also intends to ask for an exception to the policy that prohibits a student from majoring and minoring in the same department (the goal would be to allow a student to combine studio art and art history). After discussion the Curriculum Committee (CC) agreed to state that we are supportive of this request, but understand that it is the responsibility of the ASC, not the CC, to formally approve this change.
 - The CC was also ‘generally supportive’ of the Art Department’s stated intention to ask for a new tenure line in Native American Art, but agreed that we cannot comment on what has not yet been submitted.
 - The Review was approved by the CC.
- Working Group B (WGB) reported on their examination of the 7-Year Review submitted by the School of Education. Specific comments included the following:
 - Their assessment of the review was ‘glowing’ and WGB members considered it to be a model for how to add a diversity component to the curriculum. In this case the impact of their efforts to enhance diversity is magnified because the School of Education is teaching teachers.
 - The MA Program in Education is going very well; the existing MEd program is still early in the implementation stage of the new accreditation requirements.
 - The Review was approved by the CC.
- The CC discussed what feedback should be provided with respect to syllabi that are included in the Seven Year Reviews. It was agreed that for approval all syllabi must include learning objectives, but that missing ‘boilerplate elements’ would just be noted, assuming ‘in good faith’ that those would be added as needed.
- If time permits, the CC will create a template for Seven Year Reviews.
- Working Group C (WGC) reported on their examination of the 7-Year Review submitted by the French Studies Program. Specific comments included the following:
 - Portions of this review were covered in the Fall.
 - The request that FREN 260 and FREN 340 be allowed to satisfy the KNOW requirement was approved. This request had previously been returned to the French Studies Program for clarification.
 - The Review was approved by the CC.
- The next CC meeting will address course proposals.
- The meeting was adjourned on time.

These minutes submitted by Jeff Tepper.