Academic Policy Council

October 13, 2017

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Agenda

Present: Eve Clark, Jason Zenor, Sue Fettes, Rameen Mohammadi, Pat Russo, Jean Chambers, Mary McCune

1. Approval of the agenda. Fettes moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Cinemas and Screen Studies memo. Zenor seconded. Revised agenda approved.
2. Approval of September 29, 2017 minutes. Russo moved and Fettes seconded. Approved.
3. Chair’s Report

Clark reported that the last meeting of FAEB was short and that there was nothing critical to report out. FAEB did approve the motion to approve American Sign Language (ASL) as a foreign language with an amendment to note that studying ASL does not provide a foreign cultural experience.

1. Old Business
2. Criminal Justice (PBJ) Revision:

Diane Brand and Paul Tomascak of PBJ attended the meeting to answer questions. Prior to their visit, Clark reported out answers Tomascak had provided via email to questions the Council had posed earlier:

1. Tomascak sent Clark the new Writing Plan. Fettes raised a continued concern with the new Writing Plan: they provided a plan but Council doesn’t have the list of electives. Fettes reminded all that the major has to be constructed in a way that requires students to take a Writing Plan elective as part of the major.
2. The computer literacy requirement will be infused in the major and Tomascak sent Clark proof of this which she will share with the Council.
3. The department is planning to resubmit all PBJ courses for a new CRJ prefix and name change. The prefix CRJ will only be used for some of the courses as other courses are electives housed in other departments.
4. The department will change the electives section into a list. They have been working from a departmental list, not the catalog list.
5. They will take out the Cognate section.

Brand explained that the department is changing from PBJ to CRJ to reflect national standards. SUNY Oswego has the only PBJ program in the state of New York. Students are having difficulty out in the field as many places do not recognize PBJ as a CRJ degree. The new program will be a more traditional CRJ program with data analysis and research methods which are crucial to the major. They will be adding a theory course: PBJ 333 Crime Theory and Victimization. PBJ 301 and PBJ 397 will become electives. The department will still keep its interdisciplinary nature with electives from other departments.

Tomascak added that the new major will provide students with a little more flexibility as they will not have to deal with a long sequence of prerequisites. Some of the core courses are taught at community colleges and thus will allow students to transfer them in.

Clark asked where the “computer literacy” component appeared and was told in Computer Information. She also told Brand and Tomascak that the department needs to provide a list of electives. It is possible to choose a wrong elective and not complete the Writing Plan. Need to construct the major in a way to ensure that this does not happen. Brand will send Council a list of electives and ensure that students completing the major will also complete the Writing Plan.

All courses with PBJ in the title will be changed. The content won’t change just titles and prefixes. Fettes pointed out that the title for PBJ 220 in the proposal needs to be changed as it does not mirror what is in the catalog. She counseled that they ensure all courses match what is in the catalog and stated that course title changes go through UCC first.

Chambers pointed out that course offerings clearly deal with issues related to Latinos, women, children, federal Indian policy yet no courses deal explicitly with African Americans. Tomascak assured Chambers that, having sat in on numerous class, issues related to race and policing were being addressed.

Zenor wanted to talk about a course he teaches that is not CRJ focused. Brand assured him that topics and content of courses will not change. Also noted for Chambers that two recent hires are interested in developing courses that address issues of race.

Clark asked Brand and Tomascak to get materials to UCC, to rework the list of electives, and to distinguish which are the elective courses that will meet the Writing Plan using the “Select” language for the two lists of electives.

Brand and Paul depart.

Council could not vote on anything at this time. Clark will send out the revised proposal when she receives it. She will tell them to resubmit with a new Section B.

1. New Business
2. Cinema and Screen Studies

CSS wants to add an elective to their list of electives. Mohammadi thought it odd to have a practicum serve as an elective. He wondered why it is not a requirement. Fettes wondered why there is a 100-level and a 300-level practicum. Clark thought perhaps some students in the major have a greater need for hands-on work in preparation for their future careers.

Fettes moved to approve. Chambers seconded. Approved.

1. Cognitive Science BA Revision

The Learning Agreement needs to appear in the side-by-side. They should also remove the cognate requirement section. McCune moved to approve. Russo seconded. Approved.

1. Cognitive Science BS Revision

Mohammadi forwarded Clark the letter of support from PSY for the proposed changes to Cognitive Science BS.

“PSY 4\*\* Depth course” cannot be written that way. Replace with “Select three credits from the PSY Depth courses.”

Clark noted that they can take out the Cognate section. Fettes wanted to see language for the Learning Agreement in the side-by-side. The Registrar will fix “sh” to “cr” in the catalog.

Fettes pointed out that old side of the side-by-side does not reflect what is in the catalog.

Courses were checked for hidden prerequisites. COG 166 accepted as a prerequisite for ANT 344, PHIL 309, PHIL 471, PSY 280 and PSY 290.

Russo moved to approve with a resubmission of the side-by-side to reflect the correct requirements on the old side, to include language about the Learning Agreement, to include the “Select” language noted above, and to take out the Cognate section. Zenor seconded. Approved.

1. Cognitive Science Minor Revision

In the minor they need to get rid of the Cognate section. They need to reorder the electives in alphabetic and numeric order. The old program in the side-by-side needs to match old program in the catalog. Chambers moved to approve with changes. Russo seconded. Approved.

1. Creative Writing Revision

Clark stated that they are adding a course to the core and it does exist. Discussion of language. Zenor suggested “Take 15 credits in CRW or ENG. Nine credits must be at the 300-400 level in English literature, three credits must be an upper-division CRW course.” Others point out that there are no “English Literature” courses in the ENG major, only Theory, Context, and Text courses. They need to make it clear in the elective section of the CRW major what courses students are to choose from in ENG.

Russo moved to approve with the issue of English Literature clarified and inclusion of the language change proposed by Zenor. Zenor seconded. Approved.

1. Chemistry BS Revision

They are adding more choice by adding an optional lab in the core and providing a choice in the Physics sequence.

Once again, the old program needs to model catalog language. The right side is correct. Fettes stated that they need to model Track 1 on Track 2 as it appears in the catalog.

Chambers moved to approve with corrections in the language of Track 1. Zenor seconded. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McCune