**Academic Policy Council**

**September 29, 2017**

**Mahar 467**

**Present: Eve Benavides Clark, Sue Fettes, Rameen Mohammadi, Pat Russo, Jean Chambers, Mary McCune**

1. Approval of the agenda. Fettes moved and McCune seconded. Approved
2. Approval of September 15, 2017 minutes. Chambers moved to approve with minor changes. Fettes seconded. Approved.
3. Chair’s Report

Clark wants to update the APC website to make the deadline for submissions of material clear (one week prior to the meeting at which those submitting material want their proposals considered). Chambers said that the UCC site had information regarding which courses were submitted, pending, and approved. She would like to have a similar area on the APC website. Clark said that a related issue was being addressed in FAEB: creating an internal document that would track where proposals were and what had been approved. She noted that the Provost said that there was software that would allow for such tracking.

Clark reported that FA had on the floor the change regarding American Sign Language being used to satisfy the foreign language general education requirement. Fettes noted that FA could vote on implementation method even though the body doesn’t have a choice in accepting or rejecting the SUNY change in policy. Mohammadi clarified that ASL has always been accepted as a foreign language for students who will have significant interaction with deaf post-graduation. This policy aligns SUNY Oswego requirements with general SUNY policy.

Two other matters were addressed at FAEB: 1) the President’s Award Committee is looking for nominations for the Excellence in Service award. Nominations are due October 15th. Last year no one was nominated. 2) FA President Lisa Glidden is writing a request to the Chief of University Police regarding the possibility of changing the rule that allows students to park in faculty lots after 3:00 p.m. to one that only allows them to park in such lots after 6:00 p.m. This request is due to a greater number of adjuncts coming in for 3:00 p.m. class who are having difficulty finding parking. A discussion of various issues related to graduate student and faculty parking ensued.

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

Representatives from PBJ will attend the meeting in two weeks. They are trying to get the new Writing Plan approved by General Education Council. Chair Paul Tomascak thought the extra time for the department to work more on their proposal would be useful.

1. Accounting, Finance and Law Memo

The Department submitted a new note regarding double-majoring. Fettes wanted to know if the Department truly meant 18 credits (6 courses). Discussion ensued regarding the high number of credits required to double major if this note were put in place. Russo pointed out that they seem to want the two majors to be distinct from one another, with little to no double-dipping. She also raised concerns regarding how this could be programmed in Degree Works. Clark said she had already conveyed that concern to the Department. Consensus among APC members was that if they do not want electives to overlap, they need to change the electives in the current majors. Otherwise they should sign off on the double majors the students do complete (or refuse to allow double majoring in a single department). Mohammadi raised the issue of this proposal being more onerous then the case where a student could graduate with one major and then return for a second degree in the second major and, thus, take fewer courses than double majoring under the current proposal. APC members were, in general, not supportive of this proposal for the reasons provided above.

1. BioCultural Minor Memo

The list provided was different than the list in the catalog since they only gave APC the ANT courses, not the full set of electives. ANT 368 (Death and Dying) has been dropped from the catalog and needs to be removed from their list. Clark will report out the proposed change at FA, if the department is agreeable with removing ANT 368 from their memo.

Fettes moved to approve the addition to the electives in the minor. Chambers seconded. Passed.

1. New Business

D) Vocational Teacher Name Change

Benjamin Ogwo, chair of VTP, came to talk about the name change. Chambers raised a “tiny quibble”: the name change includes an ampersand but later “and” is spelled out. She prefers the latter. Ogwo will make the change. Chambers supported the name change in light of the fact that an external body recommends such a change. Clark asked Ogwo to summarize the reasons for the name change. Ogwo stated that on a national level since 2006 programs have changed their names. Other SUNY institutions have also changed, but not SUNY Oswego. The department wants to align with national trends. This will also make it easier to apply for grants.

Fettes pointed out that in 2010 the department asked for the name to be changed to “Workforce Leadership Development.” Ogwo discussed why they wanted that name at the time but are now proposing something else. Fettes commented that it is common practice in such proposals to list some departments in other institutions that have changed their name to something similar. Russo discussed the fact that in public schools it is common practice to refer to CTE not VTP. Syracuse City School district are growing CTE programs and currently have 24 different lines. “Technical” today does not necessarily reflect the same meaning as “vocation.” Ogwo noted that in the U.S. “vocational” does not confer a sense of respect. He said that internationally ‘vocational’ was still used but not in the U.S. Clark raised the issue of the department having a different name while the course prefixes will remain the same. Discussion regarding the process for changing course prefixes ensued.

No concerns were raised with changing the name. Russo moved and Fettes seconded. Approved.

Meeting adjourned 4:17

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary McCune