**Academic Policy Council**

**Meeting February 19, 2016**

**Draft of Minutes**

**Members In Attendance:**

Sue Fettes, Chair Pat Russo Mary McCunne

Eve Clark Jason Zenor Rameen Mohammadi

Meeting commenced at 3:10pm

**I. Approval of Agenda**

**A**genda was presented by S. Fettes and was approved by affirmation.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

* Reviewed minutes for Nov. 13-moved and second to approve with ability to format for the web.
* Reviewed minutes for Jan. 29-approved unanimously.
* Reviewed minutes for Feb. 5 moved and second, approved by all.

**III. Chairs Report**

* E. Clark and R. Mohammadi reported on the FA Executive Board Meeting Feb. 8, 3:00pm
* Little or no business, but did have previous business from last fall on Psychology Honors.

**IV. Psychology Honors**

* Reviewed the minutes from Sept. 18 to see if the changes were addressing previous concerns. Fixed the language of total hours and modeled after History. Changed language describing PSYCH 490H to read “min. of 6 credit hours.”
* It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal. Proposal approved unanimously.

**V. Biology Summary (Informal, no new proposal presented)**

Discussion:

* The department has reported that cannot list courses and want the language as is.
* Physics question was explained if they only take the first semester, in depth only of half of the material. If they need to go to health related fields, need a full year.
* Capstone issue, Evolution was approved by UCC as a capstone course. Cross-listed vs. equivalent discussion ensued. It is a small student class, 12 students. Seems more legitimate.

**VI. Deactivate Zoology BA**

Discussion:

* The only major to be eliminated was a program with few students. Middle States determined Biology BA and BS too similar, so made changes to BA and BS to separate them. Zoology BA/BS too similar so now want to eliminate BA in Zoology. R. Mohammadi explained that Middle States really didn’t say this. Do they have outside people that are arguing this. Their argument for Zoology, not a proper program. Where will the BS students who can’t cut it in Zoology go? Probably go to Bio BA. Not really taking anything away from them.
* It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal to deactivate the Zooology BA. Approved by three votes, one abstention.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by E. Clark 2/21/16.