Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2011

Curriculum Committee

Subcommittee of the Academic Senate

Present: Theo Fung, A. Joe Ritchie, Sara McKinnon, Mary Pieper-Warren, Jim Arnold, Ken Meier, Cari Torres, Joanna Pinckney, Chris Schultz

Resource: Kim O’Gara

Discussion Items:

1. Sara reported on the Senate meeting. A proposal was set forth to create a subcommittee to review the General Education offering. This will be acted on at the September 22nd meeting of the Senate. The current plan is to have a college-wide meeting for interested faculty and staff to review the background of General Education and then have a series of meeting of representatives from each department to develop a method for identifying courses to be included. This project will take the entire academic year to complete. Materials will be provided to the CC members to help prepare them for this effort. A number of current members of the Curriculum Committee will be asked to participate in the General Ed. review.

2. Theo made the point that the Library was not represented in the list of Departments invited to the General Education discussion and she recommended that they be included. Chris will take care to do this.

3. A brief discussion took place on the proposed changes to repeatability guidelines which will potentially make significant reductions in the areas of Activity courses. More discussion on this topic will follow.

4. The Senate is refining a proposal to change the method for developing Prerequisites that would allow Statistical Validation and also allow for Content Review. After the proposal is approved the CC will need a workshop on the process of validation so members can adequately review them as they are presented in Course Outline of Record revisions.

Courses Approved

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