Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2011

Curriculum Committee

Subcommittee of the Academic Senate

Present:  Cari Torres, Sara McKinnon, Ken Meier, A. J. Ritchie, Rebecca Beal, Letta Hlavachek, David King, Mary Pieper-Warren, Joanna Pinckney, Chris Schultz

Topics Discussed:

1. The Academic Senate’s report included a discussion regarding Repeatability. Sara will be attending a Regional meeting of the Senate where proposed modifications to the current proposed changes will be discussed. The largest concern is the implications to students and faculty in ‘Activity’ courses. She will report next week on what other college Senates are considering. The Senate discussed how best to get this information to faculty groups who will be impacted. Chris will invite these faculties to attend a meeting to explore options in the next weeks. David Cook, Director of Financial Aid presented a very interesting talk on how financial aid is currently being distributed and what changes are due in the near future. In particular, students repeating a course more once for a passing grade cannot receive financial aid for that class. David was asked to make every effort to inform counselors and students about this change of policy. This is not a COM policy, but is a State and Federal change of practice.

2. No report from UDWC.

3. The General Education Committee will be meeting on Friday at 10:00 October 23. The initial discussions will layout the direction and scope of the committee’s work.

4. Chris will continue his attempts to get the Biology Department to attend one of the CC meetings to discuss their Degree requirements. Some progress is being made.

5. The major discussion of the meeting was on the implications of instituting the proposed changes to the course repeatability guidelines. Activity courses will be limited to 4 repeats total. This will necessitate a major reworking of Art, Music and P.E. outlines of record. The group brainstormed approaches to bring key faculty together to work collaboratively in making changes. The Statewide Senate is attempting to modify the proposed changes to better accommodated students and academic programs. This issue could have substantial effects on the college.

No Courses were approved