Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2011

Curriculum Committee

Subcommittee of the Academic Senate

Present: Cari Torres, Becky Brown, Mary Pieper-Warren, A. Joe Ritchie, Letta Hlavachek, Kristi Kuhn, Sara McKinnon, Joanna Pinckney, Chris Schultz, Rebecca Beal, Chris Schultz, Maula Allen, Jim Arnold, David Snyder

Absent: Rinetta Early, Paul Smith

Resource: Kim O’Gara

Discussion Items:

1. The Committee revisited the notion of forming subcommittees of Curriculum to provide oversight of General Education courses to insure the appropriate courses are identified and the full extent of courses are included. Also, we discussed forming a committee to review degrees to insure they meet the necessary rigger and State guidelines for content. This will be particularly helpful with the ongoing development of 1440.

2. The group discussed the current method of reviewing Community Education classes prior to there being offered to determine if they are in conflict or complete with credit classes. The topic was raised at the Department Chairs meeting and a number of Chairs expressed concern that courses were offered inappropriately. Chris and Cari will discuss with Janice Austen this concern and a new procedure will be proposed for the future. This topic will be addressed at the next meeting.

3. AB 1440 was discussed and the Communication Department will be the first to propose a new degree that meets the university’s guidelines. Psychology and Social Science are the other disciplines that will initially be included in the University Transfer Degree.

4. A new prerequisite policy is being vetted for Board approval [4260]. The Committee will review the proposal with concern for the implications of the curriculum review process. The timeline for this was not clear at the time of the meeting. Copies will be distributed with next week’s materials for committee review. It is not recommended that you print this document. It is lengthy.