**UCUI**

**Meeting Minutes**

**December 10, 2012**

Members Present: Bhushan Bhatt, Julie Borkin, Seong Cho, Scott Crabill, Julie Dermidoff, Irene Fox, Claudia Grobbel, Cindy Hermsen, Jeff Insko, Bob Jarski, Amanda Nichols, Steven Shablin, Kanako Taku

Guests: Ann Besaw, Karen Markel

The meeting started at 2:05 p.m.

1. Minutes from November 26, 2012 meeting were approved with the following corrections: Julie Dermidoff’s name was deleted and the spelling of Kanako Taku’s name was corrected.
2. Ann Besaw, OU’s Veterans Certifying Official and Karen Markel from the Senate committee attended as guests to discuss OU’s student excused absence policy.

It is thought that the current excused absence policy is not military friendly. Students with deployment orders are required to report for military service or training on a specific date and time which can require students to miss scheduled courses. 99% of military students work with professors and student are accommodated but OU needs a written policy to accommodate deployed vets. The policy needs to be in both the undergraduate and graduate catalog. Graduate Council needs to approve any new policy too. The policy should include the number of acceptable absences and faculty discretion about an “I” grade if the deployed is for a long period and the student can’t complete the work. Shablin will discuss a new policy for veterans with the Student Academic Success Committee. Shablin will develop a new policy and bring it to UCUI.

1. Program modification

* BIS final report recommendations

Add an introductory course. Need a stronger academic component. More resources are needed for structure. Make sentences a clause rather than full sentence. Students need knowledge of what interdisciplinary is. Need qualitative and quantitative data.

Committee members questioned why we have BIS and BLS. Crabill indicated that merging BIS and BLS organizational structures is a concern because one would absorb the other. Crabill has a vested interest in the BIS program and the administrative structure of BLS would under resource the BIS structure. BIS is perceived to have more depth than BLS. Traditional students are directed to BLS. BIS provides an alternative for non-traditional adult learners.

Need to explore the organizational structure between the BIS and BLS programs and include potential conflicts and avoid duplication.

Motion by Cho to accept changes. 2nd by Grobbel. Approved unanimously.

* Industrial and Systems Engineering

Change ISE 330 from 4 credits to 3 credits. Since the course does not have a lab, it could be reduced to 3 credits to keep it in line with 128 credits. December 1 was the deadline for course actions forms. Pletz will remind departments.

Motion by Bhatt to approved. 2nd Grobbel. Approved.

* BIS 3+3 Program with Cooley

Crabill indicated that Susan Awbrey met with Cooley about 3 years ago to discuss a law and MBA model. Cooley asked OU to explore a program for undergraduate students planning to go on to law school.

The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

1. Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.