UCUI

Minutes

September 7, 2016

Heritage Room, Oakland Center

10.10 a.m. – 11.27 a.m.

Attendees: Lynne Williams, Shaun Moore, Adina Schneeweis, John McEneaney, Anne Switzer, Cindy Hermsen, Steve Shablin, Nancy Osmialowski, Tricia Westergaard, Irene Shabazz, Susan Awbrey, Chhabi Govind, Sara Webb, Darrin Hanna, Cristian Cantir, Paul Battle, Paul R. Schroeder, Kristin Landis-Piwowar.

1. Susan asked members to look at UCUI’s charge and notify the committee of any necessary changes or issues.
2. David Dulio presented on the Political Science Department’s proposal to participate in the OU-WSU Law School Program. David said that PS has a lot of pre-law students and is hoping to attract more. In addition, PS has a low number of credits, which would make this program work well. No PS requirements would be waived.
   1. Responding to a question about whether the credits include GenEd credits, David said that they do not.
   2. Responding to a question about allowing fewer than 30 credits, David responded that this came up with transfer students and that students will have to take all Wayne credits.
   3. In response to a question about whether students would apply to financial aid at Wayne, David referred UCUI to question 11 in the “Articulation Agreement” handout.
   4. Responding to a question about how realistic it would be to finish a degree in three years, David said it is doable. The International Relations (IR) major would be more difficult, but it would still be manageable. The program is meant for well-organized students.
   5. David said that transfer students from Macomb and OCC will get additional guidance on the issue if they are interested in the program.
   6. The proposal was approved unanimously.
3. The Department of Teacher Development and Educational Studies is proposing two changes to the Math Elementary Major, Minor, and Endorsement (replacing MTH 141 with MTE 318; listing MTH 141 as an elective and a pre-requisite for MTE 318). Susan said that the department has not yet filled out a form, but that we can act and have it fill out a form later.
   1. The committee discussed whether it is clear that that 141 is an elective, but also a pre-requisite. Committee members proposed further email clarification on the issue and some information about how many majors do not have 141 as a pre-requisite.
   2. The proposal was approved, with one abstention.
4. The Department of Teacher Development and Educational Studies is proposing changes to the Social Studies Elementary Major, Minor, and Endorsement (allowing students the option of choosing between HST 205 and American History 2; only the latter was an option previously).
   1. The proposal was approved unanimously.
5. Paul Battle and Steve Shablin make a number of proposals to changing Petition of Exception procedures:
   1. The number of POEs has been rising, which might warrant reviews of some policies.
   2. In 2014-2015, students filed 13 petitions to be able to use different catalogs for their major and minor. Paul and Steve recommend that the university “allow students to use different catalogs for major and minors, as long as they are after the student started at OU” (p. 9 in handout). The proposal is approved unanimously after some clarifications.
   3. In 2014-2016, students filed about 140 POEs to waive the residency requirement. Paul and Steve recommend that we “remove the last 8 (4 for Bachelor of Integrative Studies designation) credits needed to fulfill the requirements for a baccalaureate” (p. 10 in handout). The proposal is approved unanimously.
   4. In 2014-2015, students filed 5 petitions to waive the requirement that they take at least 32 credits at OU. Paul and Steve recommend that we “strictly enforce” this policy and accept no POEs on the matter. Some concern is expressed with using absolute language. The final decision is to continue to monitor the situation.
   5. Paul and Steve propose changes to the text of policy language in the 2015-2016 undergraduate catalog. UCUI approves new version of the policy language, which says “failure to do so may result in removal from the graduation list” instead of “failure to do so will result in automatic removal from the graduation list.”
6. Members unanimously approve minutes for the April 4, 2016 and April 18, 2016 meetings.
7. Paul Battle stated that the College Board has created two new AP exams, but the courses do not yet have a home. The question is whether we should give credit and have departments decide. The proposal is to require a score of 4 or 5 to get credit, and have the class come in as a four-credit elective. Individual departments would then decide. The decision was made to approve the proposal without a vote.
8. Steve handed out information on fall 2015 and winter 2016 undergraduate degree credit information by major. Members decided to discuss matters related to the handout at the next UCUI meeting.