

Minutes
COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES
October 24, 2011
3:00 – 5:00 P.M. 230 Student Services Building

Present: R. Panneton, (Chair); Y. Stivachtis; C. Clemenz for R. Sorensen; D. Stauffer; S. Sumner for A. Grant; B. Watford for R. Benson; J. Penven; M. Denbow; A. Nelson; N. Dam; S. Bennett; J. Rankin; J. Browder; L. Beecher; S. Taheri; D. Thorp; R. Holloway; V. Fowler; A. Hawthorne; D. Zahm; S. McMullin; A. Scripa

Absent with Notification: K. Heiter; L. Cavuoto; L. Nam Chang; D. Smith

Absent without Notification: D. Patterson; G. Schurig

Visitors: W. Dean; M. Maloney; W. Ashton; S. Ott Rowlands; G. Long

Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Robin Panneton, Chair.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

Announcement of approval and posting of minutes

Robin Panneton announced the October 10, 2011 minutes were electronically approved and can be accessed via the University Registrar website.

New Business

Reports from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curricula

Diane Zahm presented the report of the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula meeting of October 14, 2011. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula report of October 14, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

**For “First and Second Reading”
Unanimous Approval**

Revised Courses Effective Spring 2012

College of Natural Resources and Environment

WOOD 1234 – Introduction to Wood, Design and Craftsmanship
WOOD 4444 – Biobased Composites
WOOD 2784 (home)/FOR 2784 – Global Forest Resource Sustainability

New Courses Effective Spring 2012

College of Natural Resources and Environment

WOOD 2114 – Packaging Law and Regulation
WOOD 3214 – Food and Health Care Packaging
WOOD 3444 – Sustainable Biomaterials and Bioenergy
WOOD 3454 – Society, Sustainable Biomaterials and Energy
WOOD 3554 – Sustainable Biomaterials Enterprises
WOOD 4054 – Packaging Systems Design Practicum
WOOD 4384 – Biorefinery Science

College of Engineering

BMES 2104 – Introduction to Biomedical Engineering
CS 4884 – Computational Biology & Bioinformatics Capstone

New Courses Effective Fall 2012

College of Natural Resources and Environment

WOOD 3284 – Packaging Polymers and Production

Revised Courses Effective Fall 2012

WOOD 4024 – Packaging Design for Global Distribution

New Courses Effective Fall 2013

WOOD 4715-4716 – Wood House

Revised Checksheets and Designators Effective for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2014

Bachelor of Arts in Communication: Multimedia Journalism Option (MJ)

Other Business

Annual Report of the Undergraduate Honor System

Lauren Beecher, Chief Justice, presented the annual report on the University Honor System. The report reflects an increase compared to previous years with approximately 270 violations reported between Fall 2010 to Spring 2011. She reported that the College of Engineering had the highest number of cases, which may be attributable to the curricular structure of the Engineering program, wherein cheating may be more detectable. There are approximately 60 pending cases. Many of the delayed cases are due to students being out of the country and 33 of the 60 pending cases are against one student. The University Honor System sees three types of cases: cheating, falsification and plagiarism. The University Honor System classifies cases on a scale of 1-6, with

most cases ranking a 2 or 3 resulting in a sentence of 50-75 hours of community service, and classes 4, 5, and 6 resulting in academic suspension. The Commission inquired if there is anything that can be done to reduce the number of violations; Lauren suggested that departments ask teaching assistants to closely guard their information, such as not logging on to students' personal computers. She also suggested that at the beginning of the semester that faculty add an honor system statement to their syllabi and include a statement about how to specifically avoid violating the honor code for each particular class. Commission members questioned the higher number of violations in the Spring. Lauren indicated the Spring data also includes violations that occur over Summer sessions I and II.

Multimodal Transit System

Dr. Gary Long, College of Science, shared with the Commission two concerns relative to the planned new Multimodal Transit System: its location and the process of its approval. Gary presented a background on the design of the proposed hub, its intent, and its planned location in the current Derring parking lot. He explained the Building and Grounds Committee suggested to the Board of Visitors (BOV) to create a central hub on campus for all bus transportation. The originally proposed location as presented to the BOV was north of the academic court near the power plant. It was explained that the location had to be modified to avoid pollution to Stroubles Creek. The new proposed location, behind Derring Hall, affects undergraduate research in both Derring and Hahn Halls due to the bus exhaust fumes and soot filtering through the air intake vents in both buildings. Due to wind patterns, the majority of exhaust and soot will be blown into the science and laboratory buildings affecting both students and laboratory equipment. Additionally, the proposed location of the hub will greatly increase the foot traffic moving through Derring Hall which creates a disruption for classes in session as well as increased safety concerns for the building. Dr. Long also noted there was no current carbon footprint analysis on this facility, as required by the BOV upon approval of this proposal. He shared the alteration of the approved location from the northern part of campus to Derring was not presented through governance nor returned to the BOV for subsequent approval. During discussion, members of the commission queried the process and voiced the need for more understanding of why impact on undergraduate education was not vetted by affected constituents. Dr. Long indicated the College of Science will voice its significant concern relative to the impact on undergraduate education, and specifically undergraduate research, via a letter to the administration. The College of Science will invite the Commission to share its supporting concern. After further discussion, the Commission suggested the Chair extend an invitation to Dr. Sherwood Wilson, Vice-President for Administrative Services, to attend a meeting so as to gather more information on the decision and the decision-making process.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm

Submitted by,
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