UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2013-14 Meeting #15, April 14, 2014

Present: Heather Chermak, Gail Eckwright, Annette Folwell (Chair), Rachel Fujita, Tim Johnson, Joe Law, Jon Miller, Kathleen Monks, Jeanne Stevenson, Todd Thorsteinson, Kerri Vierling.
Absent: Max Cowan, Rodney Frey, Tim Prather, Matt Wappett, Tess Wolfenson.
Others Present: Dwaine Hubbard, Charles Tibbals.

Call to order: A quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. in the SUB Cataldo room. The minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting were approved.

Other Business:

Old Business:

New Business:

UCC-14-057 Office of the Vice Provost
Committee member Stevenson introduced the proposed list of programs to be designated as “offered online”. Stevenson requested a friendly amendment to the proposal to include the M.A.T. in Art in the list of available online programs. Committee member Eckwright asked if it would be useful to identify the Hybrid programs as such in the catalog. Stevenson indicated that wasn’t necessary at this time. Committee member Miller asked if a course requires examinations to be done in person disqualifies a course from being online. Committee member Johnson asked about the need for graduate defenses for these listed graduate degree programs to be on campus to defend. Committee member Law noted that the engineering programs listed do not require a master’s thesis defense and thus are more easily done at a distance. Committee chair Folwell asked about identifying students as online versus on campus citing concern with local students potentially signing up for web courses simply to avoid having to physically come on to campus. Law cautioned against assuming all local students who might enroll in a web course are avoiding coming on to campus; Law noted a couple of reasons he has seen students who are in the area enroll in web courses. Stevenson noted that as we develop and define these programs and delivery methods more we will encounter more questions that will have to consider and work through. Miller asked how we (UI) compare to BSU in terms of online programs. Stevenson noted we are behind them. Hearing no additional questions the motion to approve the proposal with the amendment to include the M.A.T. in Art passed unanimously and will be forwarded to Faculty Senate for review.

The next UCC meeting will be in the Fall semester. This meeting was adjourned at 3:56pm.

Charles Tibbals, UCC Secretary