UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2015-16 Meeting #17, April 18, 2016

Present: Dan Eveleth, Janine Darragh, Joe Law, Kerri Vierling, Mark Nielsen, Todd Thorsteinson, Jeanne Stevenson, Don Crowley, Kenton Bird, Rick Stoddardt, Patricia Hart, Heather Chermak
Absent: Ankah Guria, Matthew Brehm, Tim Prather
Others present: Grace Miller, Rebecca Frost, Dwaine Hubbard, Ben Beard, Richard Seamon, Steve Cook

Call to order: A quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30p.m. in the Pitman Cataldo room. The April 4th minutes were approved unanimously.

UCC-16-046 College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: CORS course
Dan noted that the CORS course is effective immediately (Summer 2016). It was moved and seconded to approve the new course. The motion passed unanimously.

UCC-16-048 College of Natural Resources: Graduate Environmental Education Certificate
Kerri explained that the curricular changes represent an effort to make the certificate more flexible. The changes also reduce the total number of credits. Heather asked if the department was eliminating Summer and Kerri affirmed. Mark requested clarification regarding the name change and Kerri responded that everything place-based occurs at the McCall Outdoor Science School and the name change allows the department to group these activities together. Mark noted that his college would be sensitive to the use of the word “science” and Dan suggested a new name: “Place-based Environmental Education.” Janine noted that place-based education is a new educational trend. It was moved and seconded to approve just the curricular changes. The motion passed unanimously. The committee tabled the name change.

UCC-16-043 College of Law
UCC-16-043a College of Law
Ben noted that the committee approved the curricular changes in February and this proposal deals specifically with the 1L program. Dan shared a note from Tim wherein he expressed two concerns, 1) that reducing the section offerings by half would have negative effects on the Moscow student body and 2) that the college had not presented a plan in case the funds are not appropriated. Ben explained that there are currently two 1L sections in Moscow and none in Boise, while the proposal would allow for one in Moscow and one in Boise. Richard noted that they have already identified the resources they need, as the American Bar Association requires that the Law School have adequate resources before receiving accreditation. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

UCC will reconvene in the next cycle.

Grace Miller
UCC Secretary