UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2016-17 Meeting #9, November 28, 2016

Present: Patricia Hart, Dan Eveleth, Kenton Bird, Joe Law, Don Crowley, Jeanne Stevenson, Rick Stoddart, Tara Hudiburg, Heather Chermak, Robert Heinse, Taylor Raney
Absent: Austin Blacker, Ankan Guria, Brianna Larson, Matthew Brehm, Dinara Storfer, Jerrold Long
Others present: Grace Miller, Dwaine Hubbard, Rebecca Frost, Charles Buck (on the line)

Call to order: A quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM in the Pitman Cataldo room. The November 14th minutes were approved unanimously.

Announcements: Chairperson Pat Hart noted that next week’s meeting will be in the Crest room of the Commons.

New Business:

UCC-17-024  OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR: REGULATION J

Pat Hart elected to discuss UCC-17-024 first, as Charles Buck was waiting on the line to explain the changes. Don Crowley asked if the committee intended to increase the upper division credit limit. Pat responded that it would have to be proposed. Pat noted that the increase adds value to the top-end of a UI degree. It was also noted that the proposed number of upper division credits required for a degree (42) is two credits higher than the requirements at Boise State, Washington State, and Utah State.

Heather Chermak asked how colleges will adjust their curricula to bring them in line with the credit increase. Pat responded that the change affects CLASS most and the consensus is that the change will strengthen the General Studies degree. Heather noted that some degrees in CLASS only require 24 upper division credits and Pat responded that the chairs are apparently prepared to add to the curriculum. Don Crowley noted that many degrees already offer upper-division credits in “related fields.”

Taylor Raney moved to pass UCC-17-024 with the provision that the language in J-1-b also changes to require a minimum of 42 credits of upper division credits for all UI degrees. Jeanne Stevenson noted that not all colleges were represented at the meeting. Charles Buck noted that—from the community college perspective—the 70 credit limit is the primary issue. Pat noted that not all community colleges have the resources to provide the prerequisites for certain programs. The committee elected to table the proposal until next week.

Old Business:

UCC-17-006  COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

It was moved and seconded to approve the Geography Teaching Minor and the changes to the Psychopharmacology course. Both motions passed.

UCC-17-011  COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Kenton Bird suggested spelling out “Intro” in the title and Pat suggested that “include” in the second sentence be changed to “investigate.” It was moved and seconded to approve the changes to the Sociology course, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.
The Apparel, Textiles, and Design Major changes were contentious because they included the addition of upper-division writing courses in order to compensate for poor preparation at the core levels. Pat noted that no degree can take for granted that students are able to write before entering the program. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes to the major curriculum. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

UCC-17-014 COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Pat asked whether a joint-listed graduate course had been submitted alongside Geog 401, as referenced in the rationale. Dwaine Hubbard responded in the negative. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

UCC-17-017 WWAMI

It was moved and seconded to approve the new WWAMI course. The motion passed unanimously.

UCC-17-025 OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR: NEW SAINT ANDREWS ARTICULATION

Dwaine noted that New Saint Andrews is not accredited, so the University of Idaho does not accept their transfer credit automatically. He explained that the Registrar’s Office sends all NSA courses and syllabi to each department once a year in order to determine articulations. This is that list.

Tara Hudiburg noted that foreign language courses appear and asked if the University verifies the teachers. Dwaine responded that he did not know how much faculty look into it. Pat asked specifically who was evaluating Greek and Latin, subject areas the University of Idaho does not offer. Rebecca Frost noted that the elective credits do not automatically fulfill degree requirements; that is, students may transfer to UI with a number of NSA credits and be no closer to graduation than they were with none. It was moved and seconded to approve the articulations. Pat voted no, Taylor abstained, and the motion passed with a majority.

Kenton noted that further changes to Regulation J are appearing at the next meeting. Hearing no additional questions, Chairperson Hart closed the meeting at 4:45 PM. UCC will reconvene on Monday, December 5, in the Crest Room of the Commons.

UCC Secretary
Grace Miller