

Natural Sciences and Mathematics Council

Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2014
Student Union 2584 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Call to Order

- Roll Call – Secretary - Edith Kippenhan
- **Present:** Jim Anderson, Mike Cushing, Peter Andreana, Bruce Bamber, Jonathan Bossenbroek, Hans Gottgens, Xiche Hu, Edith Kippenhan, John Plenefisch, Anthony Quinn, Friedhelm Schwarz, Kathy Shan, Gerard Thompson, Sibylle Weck-Schwarz, Denis White
- **Absent:** David Krantz, Yanfa Yan
- **Others Present:** Brian Ashburner, Christine Habrecht, Angela Koenig

Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2014 Meeting – tabled again; information needed for corrections has been received but has not yet been added to the official minutes.

Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2014 Meeting

The minutes for the meeting on September 9th, 2014, were presented to council via e-mail. A motion to approve the minutes unanimously.

Corrections to Committee Rosters:

Elections – Friedhelm Schwarz, Sibylle Weck-Schwarz
EC – Denis White

Curriculum Committee:

Recommended and passed unanimously – new course, EEES 1180, a 1 cr. hr. marine biology lab. It is team-taught between Tom Turner and the Pharmacy department on HSC as a virtual lab with at-home activities. It is an OTM course; no other school in Ohio has one like it. The students will go on a field trip during Spring Break.

College Credit Plus (CCP) and concurrent Dual Enrollment @ UT

Presentation by Brian Ashburner

CCP legislation was signed by governor in June 2014. It replaces the PSEO (post-secondary enrollment option) and will be operational for the 2015/2016 academic year. Every high school must have a plan in place by then for their students.

Definitions: Dual Enrollment – high school teacher teaches college level course in school, PSEO – UT instructor teaches course, generally on campus.

Student does not get charge. UT is paid by the high school. It is a minimum of \$120 per credit hour and UT gets the state portion of the subsidy.

These courses are meant to replace AP courses. AP courses will continue to be important for those students that are going out of state.

See Jim Carey's CCP report on the OBOR website for more information.

Chairs Meeting:

Gerard was not able to attend.

Don White did. The CCP program was a large part of the meeting. The need for new computers for instructors was discussed. Rob Bruno announced there are plenty of iMacs to swap out old computers.

University Council:

Friedhelm: the new hiring plan was discussed with the comment from the provost that one should spend less time giving reports and more time working together. It was announced that there won't be a new strategic plan during the time of the interim President and Provost appointments.

The President invites everyone to attend the State of the University address.

The Provost is working on the "honors program", coordinating between the new Honors College and the old Honors program as well as looking into the issue of the grades of honors students being "not equivalent".

There was a discussion about whether the AA degrees will be reactivated.

A report about enrollment was given by Cam Cruickshank.

NSM Meeting with new Provost:

In general the meeting went well and the Provost sounded very positive. He is sending the decision-making part of workload back to the Deans and Chairs in the departments. He is hoping there will be an improvement in communication. Open lines will be kept open for 3 yrs so we bring in the best candidate rather than "fill the position". There is a potential to rehire faculty who have retired. There will no longer be a distinction made between funded and unfunded research.

Graduate Council:

A visit by the Provost who said mostly the same things as reported above for other meetings.

Faculty Senate:

Ditto on the visit by the Provost.

The other highlight of the meeting was a presentation on FlashNotes by Kelly Moore, Vice Provost Law.

Hand-written notes are yours even if the students copy them.

If you post notes and the students hand-write note, beware. Police your own notes and take them down if this is important to you.

There are multiple opinions on this issue. More to come.

Recommendation for DL courses: include a statement that says it is unlawful to use the provided materials for anything else other than class purposes.

Sexual Assault/Violence: there seems to be a lack of clarity amongst students about these terms and their definitions.

Other Business:

Peter's presentation about improving competitiveness of NSM grant proposals will be tabled until the next meeting.

Adjournment at 4:43 pm.