

Natural Sciences and Mathematics Council

Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2013

Student Union 3020 3:30 – 4:51 PM

Call to Order at 3:30

- Roll Call – Substitute Secretary - Jim Anderson
- **Present:** Jim Anderson, Brian Ashburner, Peter Andreana, Bruce Bamber, John Bellizzi, Claire Cohen (substituting for Edith Kippenhan), Mike Cushing, Hans Gottgens, Xiche Hu, David Krantz, Doug Leaman (substituting for Tony Quinn), John Plenefisch, Nick Podraza, Friedhelm Schwarz, J.D. Smith, Don Stierman, Gerard Thompson, Sibylle Weck-Schwarz
- **Others Present:** Andy Jorgensen, Denis White, Don White

Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2013 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes was seconded and passed unanimously.

Reports from Committees:

○ Curriculum

1. Chemistry would like to add a 4000-level listing to twelve of their existing 6000/8000 courses for their undergraduate students. Currently, these students register for these 4000-level courses as a special topics course. There was discussion about the different expectations of a student registered in a 6000-level course versus the 8000-level course and now the expectation for a student register in the 4000-level course.

Motion was made to vote on this curriculum change as a group. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion was made to send this curriculum change on to Faculty Senate with the understanding that Chemistry would give a breakdown of the expectations for students registered in the three different levels. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. CHEM 6940/8940 – name change

Motion was made for Chemistry to add a prerequisite for these courses before voting on it. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

○ Faculty Senate

Senate has looked at 300 courses and has narrowed this list down to 100 courses to be considered as core courses. At the state-level, there are some 3000 courses that do not fit the Ohio Transfer Module (OTM).

The Student Observation Program will be returning.

○ Chairs' Meeting

Chairs' council to be held Thursday, November 14.

○ University Council

Last month's meeting was canceled.

Constitutional Issue

The issue of why Lecturers are not eligible to vote in a Vote of Confidence for department chairs was discussed. Currently, only tenured and tenure-track faculty may vote. The Dean conducted a Vote of Confidence for the Chair in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. The Dean allowed the Lecturers in the Department to participate in the vote but included their votes in a separate count.

Motion was made to table this issue to the December meeting. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

College Credit Plus/Online Courses

In House Bill 59, the Chancellor was tasked with crafting College Credit Plus, in conjunction with higher education and K-12. College Credit Plus is an initiative by which students can earn college credit while still in high school and finish their K-12 career with potentially two years of college credit in addition to their diploma. Brian Ashburner is serving on a state-wide committee for this initiative.

The Provost has sixteen General Education courses with Transfer Assurance Guides (TAGs) status in mind for College Credit Plus. Four of these courses are housed in our College. At the Chairs' meeting, the chairs would like the courses in College Credit Plus to have OTM status.

The format for offering these courses could be 1) at a high school, 2) at a university, 3) online, 4) online and on-campus, or 5) teleconference.

The discussion about College Credit Plus led to a discussion about the administration's format for creating and designing new and existing courses including the College Credit Plus courses. The administration's format for creating and designing these courses would be a committee consisting of a faculty expert, a multimedia expert, an instructional designer, an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance person, and an assessment person. These committee members would not necessarily be members of the University faculty. The committee would design the courses in a reusable template that could be used for multiple sections taught by multiple instructors. The cost to create one course could range between \$50,000 and \$80,000. The administration has made statements indicating that they would own all phases of these courses from staffing to scheduling. These courses would not be required to follow the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

Announcements

The Dean is a finalist for the Vice President of Research position.

Adjournment at 4:51 pm.