

University Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

23 Sept 2011

1:30pm

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Attendees:

UCC members:

1. Gene Tagliarini (CSC; Chair)
2. Cara Sidman (CHHS-SHAHS; minute-taker)
3. Robert Smith (Education)
4. Vibeke Olson (Art)
5. Sam Murrell (P&R)

Ex-officio members:

6. Carol Pilgrim (CAS)
 7. Johnson Akinleye (AA)
 8. Charlie Hardy (CHHS)
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Agenda:

1. Review of Social Work proposal updates for SWK 460, SWK 496, and SWK 497, as well as a catalog change raising the GPA to qualify for entrance to the major from 2.4 to 2.5;

Moved: Robert Smith

Second: Vibeke Olson

Passed: Unanimous

2. Action on remaining Findings regarding a recent charge from the Faculty Senate Steering Committee;

Findings of the UCC pursuant to a recent charge from the Faculty Senate Steering Committee

- i. **Finding 1:** "The UCC upholds the principle of shared governance" (*from previous meeting*)
 - **Moved:** Robert Smith; **Second:** Kathy Ennen; **Passed:** Unanimous
- ii. **Finding 2:** The decision to merge the Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography and the Department of Geography and Geology within the College of Arts & Sciences was not presented to the UCC.
 - **Moved:** Kathy Ennen; **Second:** Vibeke Olson; **Passed:** Unanimous
- iii. **Finding 3:** While the UCC recognizes the challenges inherent in the merger of the departments, all faculty instructional positions in both departments were kept, no courses were cut, no course offerings were eliminated, and no degree programs

were dropped. The UCC reiterates its suggestion that the Dean of the College of the Arts and Sciences closely monitors the curricular impact of the merger.

- **Moved:** Cara Sidman; **Second:** Vibeke Olson; **Passed:** Unanimous

iv. **Finding 4:** The UCC acknowledges that the administration sought and incorporated representative faculty input into budget reduction planning, understands the need for a rapid response to the UNC General Administration regarding the implementation of budget cuts, and appreciates the desire for careful handling of sensitive personnel issues related to a departmental merger. However, the UCC should be involved at the earliest possible point in discussions and planning for university adaptations related to the responsibilities of the UCC as they appear in the Faculty Senate by-laws.

- **Moved:** Sam Murrell; **Second:** Robert Smith; **Passed:** Unanimous

v. **Finding 5:** The UCC recommends the development of a UNCW policy that would allow for executive closed sessions for faculty senate committees. Such a mechanism would facilitate future considerations of proposed mergers, while still protecting sensitive personnel information.

- **Moved:** Cara Sidman, **Second:** Vibeke Olson; **Passed:** Unanimous

3. Discussion of Steering Committee guidance: *(tabled until next meeting)*

- a. "...To review all proposals..."
(http://www.uncw.edu/fac_handbook/Faculty_Senate/bylaws/committees/desc_comm/Univ_Curric.htm)
- b. "...reviews all curricular matters..."
(http://www.uncw.edu/fac_handbook/responsibilities/teaching/curriculum.htm)

Adjournment: 2:46pm

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