Faculty Senate Academic Affairs September 19, 2013

Present: Sylvia Asay, Kim Elliott, Janice Fronczak, Rochelle Krueger, George Lawson, Jan Lear, Linda Lilienthal, Rick Miller, Grace Mims, Kim Schipporeit, Kenya Taylor

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Rick Miller.

Course Changes - Lawson (Lear) moved approval of items 1-3 on the agenda. Discussion followed. Schipporeit explained the problem of Item 1 in exceeding the maximum number of hours in the CSIS major by changing the math requirements. The subcommittee’s recommendation was to send this proposal back to CSIS for resolution. A friendly amendment to the motion was made to table item #1 and to approve items 2 and 3. Motion passed.

Certificate Programs – Schipporeit gave a history of the certificate program approval process. A document that states the guidelines for these programs has been visited by the Academic Affairs committee previously. Schipporeit walked the committee through the issues that were addressed and discussed at the subcommittee with proposed wording changes. These issues included: coursework earned grades, no financial aid available, academic requirements, transfer credit, and co-enrollment. It was also the recommendation that these guidelines be probationary and revisited by the Academic Affairs committee in 3 years to make sure they are still meeting the needs of students and the University and that certificate programs be included in the department APR. Lawson (Lilienthal) made a motion to accept the guidelines with changes. Motion passed.

Credit Hour Duplication – Schipporeit discussed the history of the change to the 6-hour overlap rule of credit hours between majors and minors. Since this change, there has been confusion across campus among faculty and students about this rule and opposition to it. The Registrar’s office is requesting to return to the previous rule of no more than 6 hours can be duplicated between majors and minors with the exception of Biology/Chemistry. Lawson (Krueger) made a motion to revert back to the previous rule and to allow Biology/Chemistry to have an exception. Motion passed.

Schipporeit noted that there will be a discussion in the future regarding the definition of credit hours for every mode of delivery.

Miller brought forward a request from the Faculty Senate to create a Memorandum of Understanding defining shared governance. An example from UNO was distributed. Academic Affairs will be discussing this in the future. A draft will be developed before the next meeting. A discussion on clarification of the level of administration for shared governance was held.

Lawson (Lear) made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Sylvia Asay, Acting Secretary

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1. NUMBER, REQUEST, LEVEL, SPECIFIC REQUEST, DEGREE/COURSE, PROGRAM/COURSE, TITLE, DEPT, COL, REASON

#01, Alter, Program, B.S., Applied Computer Science, CSIS, NSS, The national standard curriculum for computer science (CS) states a requirement for CS students to complete a statistics course. (ACM and IEEE professional organizations support this requirement.

#02, Alter, Program, B.S., Information Technology, CSIS, NSS, The Physics 100 course was required for the IT major, with the System Administration Emphasis, because it is a prerequisite for the ITEC 335 course. Since ITEC 335 will no longer be requiring Physics 100, we will no longer require Physics 100 for the System Administration emphasis as well.

#03, Alter, Department, Criminal Justice and Social Work, CJUS and SOWK, NSS, The Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work is officially requesting the dissolution of their merger agreement and the return of their programs to two independent standalone departments. Please see attached proposal for more information.

2. CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
3. CREDIT HOUR DUPLICATION PROPOSED CHANGE
4. CREDIT HOUR DEFINITION
5. DEFINING SHARED GOVERNANCE