Curriculum Committee
December 21, 2012 – Student Senate Room (HUB 119)

M I N U T E S

Present: Elizabeth A. Ahl, Mary E. Campbell (consultant, non-voting), Robert G. Egbert, Jr., George T. Gilmore, Barbara D. Lopez-Mayhew, Holly E. Oliver, Michele L. Pruyn, Wendy J. Palmquist (Chair), Ryan W. Patten (student, voting), David Zehr (in place of the Provost) [nine voting members]
Absent: Pamela P. Anneser (new faculty observer, non-voting), Jirasak M. Theplama (student, voting)
Excused: Julie N. Bernier, Christine M. Rine
Vacant: one student member


Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all curricular changes noted below will become effective with the 2013-2014 edition of the Academic Catalog. Recorded in the order in which the agenda item was discussed.

Wendy Palmquist called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm.

I. The minutes of the November 16, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed 8-0-1-2.

II. New Business
A. Executive items:
   1. EN 4420 English Student Teaching 5-12: delete course
   2. EN 4950 English Internship: repeatable for up to 12 credits
   3. EN 2700 Creative Writing: change course description
   4. CS 3720 Systems Analysis and Design: change prerequisite to CS 3600, (CS 2381 or CS 3240), and junior status
   5. SW 4550 Social Work Seminar (WRCO): change prerequisite to minimum grade of C in required Social Work (SW) foundation courses (SW 2200, SW 3340, SW 3350, SW 3450, SW 3510, SW 3520, SW 3530, SW 4000); minimum GPA of 2.50 in courses required for the major; permission of Field Education Director and course instructor.

   Approved 9-0-0-2.

B. Inactive Courses (have not been taught during the previous three years):
   1. Delete:
      GE 3640 The United States
      IS 4060 Cosmology, Evolution, and Philosophy
      IS 4450 Ecclesiastical History: Origins to the Reformation
      LA 2050 Intermediate Latin I
      LA 2060 Intermediate Latin II
      MU 2310 Introduction to Jazz
      SP 4420 The Spanish Drama

   Approved 9-0-0-2.

D. English:

E. Social Science:
   1. BA Anthropology/Sociology, Anthropology Option: require AN 2300 Introduction to Physical Anthropology; reduce Group A to three credits. Approved 9-0-0-2.
2. New course: TMP 2860 Introduction to Hospitality Management (3 credits). Provides an overview of the hospitality industry today looking at key sectors: lodging, food and beverage, casino, time share, franchising, meetings and conventions, incentive travel, water parks, resorts, spas. Springs. Approved 8-1-0-2.

3. New course: TMP 3100 Lodging Operations Management (3 credits). Teaches students the duties and workings of the management in a full service hotel. Concentrates on the actual operation of a front office and how the front office function relates to the other departments in a hotel. Falls. Prerequisite(s): TMP 2860. Approved as amended 7-1-1-2.


F. Environmental Science and Policy:
1. New course: ESP 2110 Introduction to Environmental Science and Policy II (4 credits). Complements Introduction to Environmental Science and Policy I themes to provide background information and skills about global environmental topics. Additional course fee required. Springs. Prerequisite(s): Environmental Science and Policy majors. Approved 9-0-0-2.
2. New course: ESP 2150 Introduction to Geological Sciences (4 credits). Prepares participants in accepted theories, hypotheses and methods regarding geological processes affecting our past and present environments. Lectures, labs, and field excursions train students to investigate, observe, and measure earth’s geosystems, including use of microscopes for identification of minerals, sample collections for keying out different rock types and fossils, and basic geological instruments for measuring. Additional course fee required. Falls. Approved 9-0-0-2.
3. (a) ESP 2100 Introduction to Environmental Science and Policy: change title to Introduction to Environmental Science and Policy I
   (b) BS Environmental Science and Policy: delete GE 2001 as a degree requirement; require ESP 2150.
   (c) BS Environmental Science and Policy: delete BI 1120 as a degree requirement; require ESP 2110.
   Approved 9-0-0-2.

G. Nursing:
1. New course: NR 4021 Global Health and Population-Based Health Care for the Registered Nurse (3 credits). Prepares the nurse for the practice of population-based care with patients of diverse backgrounds. Students examine the historic, contemporary, and futuristic perspectives of the development of community and public health nursing as well as its principles and theories building on the social sciences and epidemiology (population-based factors associated with health and illness). Online course. Falls. Prerequisite(s): RN Completion Nursing majors only. (GACO)
2. New course: NR 4041 Clinical Applications in Specialty Settings for Registered Nurses (2 credits). Prepares the nurse for the practice of population-based care with patients of diverse backgrounds. Students apply community and public health nursing theories in the clinical. Pass/No Pass. Online course. Falls. Prerequisite(s): RN Completion Nursing majors only.
3. New course: NR 4051 Nursing Leadership for the Registered Nurse (3 credits). Examines the role of the nurse leader and manager of a health care team using concepts and theories of organization, management, leadership, change, decision-making, and group process. Discusses findings of current research related to nursing management and leadership. Students analyze how nursing leadership and management influence patient care outcomes and team functioning. Focuses on the application of outcome data to evaluate nursing care delivery systems and to propose performance improvement initiatives. Online course. Falls. Prerequisite(s): RN Completion Nursing majors only; junior status. (INCO)
4. New course: NR 4081 Leadership and Quality Improvement in Clinical Settings for the Registered Nurse (2 credits). Provides experience as a nursing leader to coordinate the provision of quality health care by working within interdisciplinary teams. Clinical experiences promote
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decision-making and managerial skills within health care organizations. Focuses on decision making, quality improvement, and transitioning to leadership/management roles to promote quality improvement. Pass/No Pass. Online course. Falls. Prerequisite(s): RN Completion Nursing majors only.

Approved 9-0-0-2.

5. BS Nursing, RN Completion program: delete NR 3080, 4010, 4020, 4040, 4050 as requirements; add NR 3081, 4011, 4021, 4041, 4051 as requirements. Approved 9-0-0-2.

6. New course: NR 4011 Teamwork and Collaborative Care for the Registered Nurse (3 credits). Promotes integration of patient-centered care and evidence-based practice preparing students to provide nursing care to population aggregates and function effectively within nursing and interdisciplinary teams. Emphasizes fostering open communication, mutual respect, shared decision-making, and team learning and development. Online course. Falls. Prerequisite(s): RN completion Nursing majors only.

7. New course: NR 3081 Legal, Ethical, and Organizational Foundations for Professional Nursing Practice (3 credits). Examines the structure of health care systems as well as the laws and ethical principles that guide professional nursing practice in the current health care delivery system. Critical thinking is used to analyze the impact of personal, professional, societal, and client system values on ethical decision-making. Discusses the interrelationships between a variety of health care provider roles. Online course. Summers. Prerequisite(s): RN completion Nursing majors only.

Approved 8-0-0-3.

8. New course: NR 4035 Quality and Informatics in Health Care Systems (3 credits). Integrates nursing science with computer technology, quality improvement, and information science. Discusses the application of health informatics in relation to patient quality and safety. Emphasizes technology based health applications which support clinical, administrative, research, and educational decision-making, enhancing the efficacy of nursing endeavors. Springs. Prerequisite(s): NR 4030; Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only.

9. New course: NR 3092 Evidence-based Practice in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (3 credits). Develops the knowledge necessary to explain the theoretical frameworks for understanding and addressing mental health, mental health disorders, and alterations in psychological functioning. Summers. Prerequisite(s): NR 3020; Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only. Corequisite(s): NR 3090.

Approved, effective immediately, 9-0-0-2.

10. New course: NR 3094 Evidence-based Practice in Medical Surgical Nursing (3 credits). Develops the knowledge necessary to identify, apply, and evaluate the best current evidence to develop clinical expertise, as well as consider adults’ and families’ preferences, experience, and values to make practice decisions. Summers. Prerequisite(s): NR 3020; Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only. Corequisite(s): NR 3090.


12. (a) NR 3060 Evidence-Based Practice: delete course
(b) NR 3080 Legal, Ethical and Organizational Foundations for Nursing: delete course
(c) NR 4070 Professional Nursing roles and Issues: delete course

Approved 9-0-0-2.

13. (a) NR 3010 Introduction to Professional Nursing: change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
(b) NR 3020 Introduction to Patient-Centered Care (DICO): change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
(c) NR 3030 Pharmacology and Pathophysiology: change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
(d) NR 3040 Professional Issues: change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
(e) NR 3050 Clinical Applications of Patient-Centered Care: change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
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(f) NR 3060 Evidence-Based Practice: change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
(g) NR 3070 Health and Wellness of Older Adults (WECO): change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
(h) NR 3080 Legal, Ethical and Organizational Foundations for Nursing: change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
(i) NR 3090 Clinical Evidence-Based Practice: change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
(j) NR 4010 Teamwork and Collaborative Care: change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
(k) NR 4020 Global Health and Population-Based Health Care (GACO): change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
(l) NR 4030 Specialty Nursing Practice: change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
(m) NR 4040 Clinical Applications in Specialty Settings: change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
(n) NR 4050 Nursing Leadership (INCO): change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only
(o) NR 4070 Professional Nursing Roles and Issues: change prerequisite to Pre-Licensure Nursing majors only

Approved 9-0-0-2.

C. History and Philosophy:
1. New course: PY 4920 Internship in Philosophy and Applied Ethics (3 credits). Students gain real world experience and reflect upon those experiences through philosophical and ethical studies in the Philosophy major. Students reflect upon their internship experience through various ethical lenses as they consider how their critical thinking skills, analytical skills, and problem solving skills shaped their engagement with others. Includes 120 hours of supervised work. Prerequisite(s): approval of Chair and advisor. Approved 8-1-0-2.

H. College of Business Administration:
1. New Certificate: Professional Sales (19-21 credits). Approved 5-4-0-2. [Approved 2/6/13 by the Faculty.]

I. Communication and Media Studies:
1. New course: CM 2000 Studies in Communication and Media (4 credits). Required of all Communication Studies majors, ideally in their first semester as a major. Acquaints students with fundamental concepts in communication and media studies such as various communication and media theories, types of communication and media research, and how to apply these theories and research methods as a communication and media studies scholar. Falls and Springs. Prerequisite(s): Communication Studies majors only. (TECO)
2. New course: CM 3000 Rhetoric and Semiotics (3 credits). How do we learn to make sense of the signs and symbols that we encounter daily? Rhetoric, the study of how human beings make meaning and semiotics, the study of symbols and sign systems, help us understand how we make meaning. Examines rhetoric and semiotics from an historical, cross-disciplinary perspective through major theorists and applications to lived experience. Falls and Springs. Prerequisite(s): CM 2770 or CM 2910.
3. New course: CM 3100 Communicating Through Animation (3 credits). Explores a variety of digital animation techniques including stop-motion animation and basic 2D computer-generated animation. Students learn basic visual communication concepts and are challenged to create animations that effectively employ visual communication principles. Includes a significant hands-on element in which students use state-of-the-art image editing and animation-creation software to develop their assignments and projects. Falls.
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Approved 9-0-0-2.
4. CM 2910 Introduction to Communication: change title to Human Communication and Conflict; change course description.
5. CM 4710 History and Theory of Film and Television: change name to Analyzing Film; change course number to CM 3050; change course description.
6. CM 3750 Film and Video Production Techniques: change prerequisite to CM 2000 or CM 2770.
7. CM 3640 Communication Theory (WRCO): change prerequisite to CM 2770 or CM 2910.
9. CM 3910 Topics in Film and Media Studies: change title to Topics in Media Studies
11. CM 3480 Global Perspectives in the Media (GACO): change prerequisite to CM 2770 or CM 2910
12. CM 3910 Topics in Media Studies: change prerequisite to CM 2770 or CM 2910
Approved 9-0-0-2.
13. (a) BA Communication Studies, Film and Media Studies Option: change title to Media Studies; change requirements
(b) BA Communication Studies, Professional Communications Option: change requirements
Approved 9-0-0-2.

J. Music, Theatre, and Dance:
2. (a) New course: MU 2250 Performance Study – Commercial Voice (1 credit). Individual and/or group study to promote development of contemporary commercial singing techniques, repertory, and musicianship. Required attendance at Department recitals. May be repeated for credit. Performance Studies requires payment of a Performance Studies Fee. Falls and Springs. Prerequisite(s): MU 2510; BA Music, Commercial Voice Performance Option majors only. Corequisite(s): MU 3420.
(b) New course: MU 3522 Performance Study – Commercial Voice (1 credit). Individual and/or group study to promote development of contemporary commercial singing techniques, repertory, and musicianship. Required attendance at Department recitals. May be repeated for credit. Performance Studies requires payment of a Performance Studies Fee. Falls and Springs, beginning 2015. Prerequisite(s): MU 2250; BA Music, Commercial Voice Performance Option majors only. Corequisite(s): MU 3420.
(c) New course: MU 4525 Performance Study – Commercial Voice (1 credit). Individual and/or group study to promote development of contemporary commercial singing techniques, repertory, and musicianship. Required attendance at Department recitals. May be repeated for credit. Performance Studies requires payment of a Performance Studies Fee. Falls and Springs, beginning 2016. Prerequisite(s): MU 3522; BA Music, Commercial Voice Performance Option majors only. Corequisite(s): MU 3420.
Approved pending receipt of syllabus 9-0-0-2.
[Approved 2/6/13 by the Faculty.]

III. Reports
A. SAPC. No report due to the Provost’s absence.
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B. General Education Committee. Met December 10th. Approved 35 courses which had a 5/2013 sunset date. Two courses with a 5/2013 sunset date chose not to seek renewal; two courses did not submit a renewal application. Approved new courses: CM 2000 as TECO, NR 4021 as GACO, NR 4050 as INCO, NR 4051 as INCO. Deleted General Education for NR 3050 Clinical Applications of Patient-Centered Care (TECO) and NR 4080 Leadership and Quality Improvement in Clinical Settings (INCO) due to their change to Pass/No Pass. They are having a retreat on January 23rd.

C. Council on Teacher Education. They did not meeting in December. They are having a retreat on January 8th.

D. Steering Committee. Talked about the draft of the PSU Course Syllabus Checklist.

IV. Discussion:
A. Syllabi. Wendy summarized the reactions from the Council of Chairs, the Steering Committee, and the Academic Affairs Committee. The Academic Affairs Committee voted unanimously November 30th “to endorse the items on the checklist.” They suggested: (a) replace “same for all sections of the course” under Student Learning Outcomes to “common core for all sections of the course”; “Grading should contain a specific mention of the professor’s policy on late submission of assignments, such as homework or semester projects.” The Steering Committee suggested changing “should” to “must” to the statement, “All PSU syllabi should minimally contain the following components;”: No comments were offered by the Council of Chairs. The Committee discussed these points. The only change they made was to the title of the document; it will now read: PSU Curriculum Committee Course Syllabus Checklist. This document would become a policy for the Curriculum Committee, would be posted to the Curriculum Committee web page, and would be added to the February 6, 2013 Faculty agenda under “Resolutions from Standing Committees.” Approved 8-0-1-2. New courses and revisions to courses must follow the Syllabus Checklist.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

The Curriculum Committee meets on the third Friday of the month from 2:30 until 5:00 pm in the Student Senate room (HUB 119). Proposals need to reach the Chair 10 days prior to the meeting. Their next meeting is Friday, February 15, 2013. This will be the last meeting for changes to be made to the 2013-2014 Academic Catalog.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Curriculum Support

These minutes were approved February 15, 2013.