Minutes of the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, November 16, 2011  
Room - SAAHP 239A

Committee members present:  
Nancy Breen, Hasan-Uddin Khan (chair), Jason Patch, John Schlinke, Louis Swiczewicz, and Minoo Tehrani  
Annie Russell, Registrar (ex officio)  
Committee members absent: Anthony Hollingsworth, Chris Menton, Anthony Ruocco, Mark Sawoski, and Jenny Tsankova  
Visitors: Joan Romano, Assistant to the Dean of FCAS, and June Speakman, Professor of Political Science

Minutes of FSCC meeting of October 19, 2011 approved on line and posted

Per Jim Lemire (EPSCoR Marine Center Coordinator): Titles for the two science courses associated with the SED proposal need to be corrected in the minutes:  
BIO 430: Life Science for Elementary Education  
NATSC 430: Earth and Physical Science for Elementary Education  
The meeting minutes posted on the Faculty Senate web site will be corrected to show these changes.

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.

FSCC chair requested the agenda be reordered to first discuss an item of old business: NC proposal: PA 352 – Non-Profit Management, in consideration of June Speakman’s time (visiting in order to speak about the proposal).

NC proposal: PA 352 – Non-Profit Management  
The proposal had been passed by the FSCC at February 24, 2010 meeting pending coordination with the management faculty members in the GSB. The previous Provost had requested a ‘name change’ to the course, but it was not completed and the course was not listed.  
GSB faculty were concerned that the course is a management course. A tentative agreement has been worked out that the course will be offered as a cross-listed course (PA 352 and MGMT 352) and may be taught by PA and GSB faculty members. The tentative agreement needs to be approved by the GSB faculty involved and the GSB Curriculum Committee. Minoo Tehrani will inform the FSCC at its next meeting whether the agreement was approved and if it is the committee agrees that the course is approved.

1. New Business

Note: MNC = minor change, NC – new course, NMN – new minor

MNC proposal: PSYCH 451 – Senior Thesis change in course description  
Motion to approve the proposal.  
Motion passed unanimously. 6 – 0 – 0

MNC proposal: PSYCH 450 – Research in Psychology change in prerequisite (to delete inaccurate prerequisite)  
Motion to approve the proposal.  
Motion passed unanimously. 6 – 0 – 0

MNC proposal: PSYCH 240 – Quantitative Analysis change in Math prerequisite  
Motion to approve the proposal.  
Motion passed unanimously. 6 – 0 – 0
NC proposal: PH 350 – Applied Practicum in Public Health
Motion to approve the proposal.
Motion passed unanimously.  6 – 0 – 0

NC proposal: PH 430 – Special Topics in Public Health
Discussion occurred whether “430 – Special Topics” is the appropriate designation for this type of course. The FSCC recommends that the course be listed as a variable credit course (1 – 4 credits) to be consistent with the other 430 courses in the catalog. The FSCC reminds the proposers that after a specific version of the course has been offered three times, it must be approved as a regular course with a designated course number (by submitting a new course proposal) before that course can continue to be offered.
Motion to approve the proposal.
Motion passed unanimously.  6 – 0 – 0

NC proposal: PH 201 – Public Health Essentials
The proposal to allow students a choice between BIO 103 or ANTH 100 as the course prerequisite was questioned. The two courses are very different. It was suggested that perhaps both courses should be prerequisites. However, it was also suggested that because the course is part of an interdisciplinary minor, it might be appropriate to have a choice in the prerequisite.
Motion to request the proposer write a brief note explaining the intent of offering a choice in prerequisites for the course. Request that the note be received by the FSCC chair prior to the next FSCC meeting (to be held December 7, 2011).
Motion passed unanimously.  6 – 0 – 0

NMN proposal: New Interdisciplinary Minor in Public Health
Per the conversation regarding PH 201 above, there is a question of whether both BIO 103 and ANTH 100 should both be included as requirements for the minor. If, for example, ANTH 100 was not required then PH 430 could become a requirement and the total number of credit hours required for the minor would be 19 credits. At this time, inclusion of all the required courses in addition to PH 430 would create a minor with more than 18 credit hours.
Motion to request the proposer write a brief note explaining the intent of requiring both BIO 103 and ANTH 100 as part of the minor. Request that the note be received by the FSCC chair one week prior to the next FSCC meeting (to be held December 7, 2011).
Motion passed unanimously.  6 – 0 – 0

MJC proposal: Change in advanced chemistry requirement for BS programs in biology and marine biology
Members of the chemistry department are unanimously opposed to the proposal, particularly for the BS in Biology, but accept that the Biology Department need not act according to their advice. The Chemistry Department opposes it because it goes against best practices at RWU peer institutions and it proposes to allow students to substitute a 200-level course for CHEM 302 – Organic Chemistry II. The Chemistry Department would also like to emphasize at this juncture that a BA Biology degree and a BA in Marine Biology already exist for students who wish to opt out of CHEM 302.

The Chemistry Department advocates for the incorporation of language into the catalog in lieu of relying on academic advisor(s) to convey the importance of CHEM 302 to students who wish to go into professional programs. For example, there should be statements in the catalog as to who should take CHEM 302 (pre-professional, health, pharmacy, graduate school in molecular biology, toxicology, genetics etc.) and who should consider substituting CHEM 302 with another course.
Motion to table the proposal and request that the proposers submit a draft catalog copy for how the change would be presented to students

Motion passed unanimously. 6 – 0 – 0

2. Old Business

Petitions from FCAS

MNC proposal MUSIC 171 create lab section
Originally tabled awaiting clarification from proposers (April 2011). An FSCC member and the Registrar wondered whether the proposers might want to submit a similar proposal for MUSIC 170 in the future.
Motion to approve the proposal.
Motion passed unanimously. 6 – 0 – 0

MNC proposal: PHYS AP Exam credits
The FSCC had been awaiting verification of proposed awarding of credits for the Advanced Placement Exam in Physics. Information was verified.
Motion to approve the proposal.
Motion passed unanimously. 6 – 0 – 0

NC proposal: COMM 401 - Experiential Public Relations
Previously tabled at 10/19/11 FSCC meeting awaiting additional information from the proposer. The committee considered the additional information supplied by the proposer but felt that it did not sufficiently address questions regarding the integration of the travel itinerary with course outcomes and whether students may take the course more than once for credit.
Motion to invite the proposer to explain the proposal at the next FSCC meeting (to be held December 7, 2011).
Motion passed unanimously. 6 – 0 – 0

NC proposal: PSYCH 360 - Multicultural Psychology
Previously tabled at 10/19/11 FSCC meeting due to insufficient time to fully consider it.
Motion to approve the proposal.
Motion passed unanimously. 6 – 0 – 0

MNC proposal: Addition of elective choices for the Public Relations major
Previously tabled at 10/19/11 FSCC meeting due to insufficient time to fully consider it.
Motion to approve the proposal.
Motion passed unanimously. 6 – 0 – 0
Note: Reference to “MRT” under Brief Description of Proposal should be changed to “MRKT.”

NC proposal: WTNG 440 - Rhetorical Theory
Previously tabled at 10/19/11 FSCC meeting due to insufficient time to fully consider it.
Motion to approve the proposal.
Motion passed unanimously. 6 – 0 – 0

NC proposal: MRKT 401 - Advertising Campaigns Research
NC proposal: MRKT 402 - Advertising Campaigns Practicum
Proposals had been tabled previously at 10/19/11 FSCC meeting with a request that additional information be supplied to answer committee questions. The committee reviewed the additional material but did not feel it adequately addressed the questions raised previously.
Motion to invite the proposer to explain the proposal at a future FSCC meeting.
Motion passed unanimously. 6 – 0 – 0

Petitions from SED
NC proposal: EDU 342 – Teaching Inquiry Science in the Elementary School
Change in degree program requirements: Require EDU 342 - Teaching Inquiry Science in the Elementary School in place of a program elective.
Change in degree program requirements: To meet the Core Science requirement, Elementary Education majors would be required to take BIO 430: Life Science for Elementary Education and NATSC 430: Earth and Physical Science for Elementary Education in place of the current requirement of either CORE 101 – Science, Technology and Society or NATSC 211/212 - Teaching and Learning Science through Inquiry.
Bank EDU 211L /212L – Teaching and Learning Science through Inquiry
Proposals had been tabled previously at 10/19/11 FSCC meeting with a request that additional information be supplied to answer committee questions.
FSCC chair indicated the proposer plans to supply the requested information in the near future – proposal remains tabled in the interim.

3. Other Business

The members of the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee wish to express their condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Dr. Richard Heavers, Professor of Physics, on his passing.

Minoo Tehrani will contact Mel Topf to clarify the approval process for FSCC meeting minutes and decisions, and report back to the FSCC with the information.

4. Next Meeting

Next FSCC meeting to be held Wednesday, December 7th 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (location to be determined)

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.