Minutes Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Meeting  
February 14, 2012 – Room AR 239A, 3 pm – 5 pm

Committee members:
Present: Nancy Breen, Anthony Hollingsworth, Hasan-Uddin Khan (chair), Anthony Ruocco, Mark Sawoski, John Schlinke, Louis Swiczewicz, Minoo Tehrani, and Annie Russell, Registrar (ex officio), Joan Romano, Assistant to the Dean of FCAS (ex officio)
Absent: Chris Menton and Jenny Tsankova (on sabbatical)
Visitors:
Philip Marshall, Professor of Historic Preservation, Roxanne O’Connell, Assoc. Professor of Visual Communication, Paola Prado, Asst. Professor of Communication, Tom Sorger, Professor of Biology, Jeremy Wells, Asst. Professor of Historic Preservation

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm.

1. **Minutes of FSCC meeting of November 16, 2011**: approved on line and posted, and accepted by the Faculty Senate at its meeting of Feb 1, 2012.

2. **Announcements**
The RWU President, Provost, and Faculty Senate Executive Committee have agreed that the Graduate Curriculum Committee be disbanded and that all curriculum-related matters will all be handled by the FSCC (official announcement forthcoming).

   Jason Patch has tendered his resignation to the FSCC. It was determined a replacement committee member is not needed as Mark Sawoski will continue to represent social sciences on the FSCC.

   Jenny Tsankova is on sabbatical and will not be attending any meetings during the spring 2012 semester.

3. **List of proposals for consideration**

**FCAS: 24 Petitions on line**

**Note: MNC – minor changes; NC – new course**

2011-72 **NMJ – BA in Journalism**
Roxanne O’Connell explained that concerns about the proposal that had been raised during the FCAS Curriculum Committee review process had been addressed by the proposers.
Motion to approve the proposal
Motion passed 7-0-0 – (Note: Anthony Hollingsworth was not present for this vote)

2011-61 **MNC COMM (JOUR) 355 Digital Journalism I** change in prerequisite designation
Motion to approve the proposal
Motion passed 7-0-0 – (Note: Anthony Hollingsworth was not present for this vote)

2011-60 **MNC Unbank COMM 110 and Rename/number JOUR 170 News I**
Annie Russell recommended creating a new course rather than unbanking and renaming the existing course. Motion to approve the proposal as a new course proposal instead of an unbanked and renamed/renumbered course (pending the approval of the amended proposal by the FCAS Curriculum Committee)
Motion passed 8-0-0
2011-70 NC JOUR 299 Special Topics in Journalism
Motion to approve the proposal
Motion passed 8-0-0

2011-66 MNC COMM (JOUR) 430 change designation
2011-65 MNC COMM (JOUR) 320 change designation
2011-64 MNC COMM (JOUR) 315 change designation
2011-63 MNC COMM (JOUR) 280 change name/designation
Motion to approve the four proposals above
Motion passed 8-0-0

2011-62 MNC Bank COMM 290
Motion to approve the proposal
Motion passed 8-0-0

2011-59 MNC Catalog copy Global Comm Major
2011-58 MNC Catalog copy Global Comm Minor
2011-57 MNC Catalog copy Global Comm Core Concentration
Motion to approve the three proposals above
Motion passed 8-0-0
Note: Minoo Tehrani will request through the Core Curriculum Committee that International Business and International Relations majors be permitted to take the Global Communication CORE Concentration. These students are currently not permitted to do so per page 133 of the 2011-2012 catalog.

2011-67 MNC COMM (JOUR) 455: Digital Journalism II
Motion to approve the proposal
Motion passed 8-0-0

2011-71 NC JOUR 470 Journalism Capstone + Portfolio
Motion to approve the proposal
Motion passed 8-0-0

2011-50 NC PSYCH 395 Themes in Cultural Psychology
As a variable topics course, the discussion centered on whether the various proposed iterations of the course (East Asia, North Africa/Middle East, Africa, and Latin America) will be distinctive enough to be considered separate courses or whether there is a substantial amount of common content that is applied to the various cultures.
Motion to table the proposal, and to ask the proposer (Alejandro Leguizamo) to attend the next FSCC meeting in order to clarify the content and outcomes of the courses.
Motion passed 8-0-0

2011-52 NC PSYCH 295 Intro to Cross-Cultural Psychology
Motion to approve the proposal
Motion passed 7-0-1

2011-69 NC JOUR 270 Journalism & Society
Motion to approve the proposal
Motion passed 8-0-0

2011-68 MNC COMM 370/L to JOUR 370/L Rename/designation
Motion to approve the proposal
Motion passed 8-0-0
Discussion of the two ASIA course proposals above centered on the administration and oversight of interdisciplinary programs and courses at RWU. At one point, they were to exist within University Studies, but that entity does not currently exist. Each instance of ASIA 430 and ASIA 299 will need to be approved by the East Asia studies committee, but composition and administrative support for this committee is currently vague.

Motion to table the two proposals pending clarification from the proposers on where ASIA courses will reside and how they will be approved at the school level.

Motion passed 8-0-0

SAAHP: 3 petitions

NC Arch 100 Exploring Architecture
Motion to approve the proposal
Motion passed 8-0-0

HP 452 - Senior Seminar to be banked + change in requirements in the Major (with no change of credits)
Motion to approve the proposal
Motion passed 8-0-0

New Program: JD-MS in HP joint program degree
Motion to approve the proposal
Motion passed 8-0-0

4. Old Business

Petitions Tabled from FCAS

2011-38 MJC in Advanced Chemistry Requirement for BS in BIO & MAR BIO
The proposal had been tabled at the 11/16/11 FSCC meeting. The committee had requested submission of catalog copy to describe which students should take CHEM 302 (pre-professional, health, pharmacy, graduate school in molecular biology, toxicology, genetics etc.) and which students should consider substituting CHEM 302 with another course. The proposed catalog copy was received by the FSCC chair just prior to the 12/7/11 meeting. Because the committee was unable to review it prior to that meeting, it moved to leave the proposal tabled and suggested it be bundled with related proposals (potentially forthcoming).

The FSCC discussed whether this proposal should be considered separately from upcoming proposals that will likely cause the catalog copy in question to change again.

Motion to approve the proposal based on the catalog copy contained in the proposal on the RWU Curriculum Review website
Motion passed 6-2-0

2011-37 MJC in Advanced Chemistry Requirement for BA in BIO & MAR BIO
Motion to approve the proposal based on the catalog copy contained in the proposal on the RWU Curriculum Review website
Motion passed 8-0-0
2009-58 NC PA 352 – Nonprofit Management
The proposal had been passed by the FSCC at its February 24, 2010 meeting pending documentation of 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.
The Interim Assistant Dean of the Gabelli School of Business has reviewed the proposal. Minoo Tehrani will supply the Interim Assistant Dean’s comments to the FSCC. The FSCC informs the proposer that coordination with the GSB remains to be accomplished and that the proposal remains pending until documentation of that coordination is provided to the FSCC.

2011-08 NC COMM 401 Entertainment Public Relations listing changed
This proposal was approved at the 12/7/11 FSCC meeting on the condition that the original proposal, COMM 431 – Entertainment Public Relations be submitted as COMM 401 and the other proposed related Public Relations courses be submitted as COMM 431 courses. The proposer made the requested changes, however, the amended proposal must now be approved by the FCAS Curriculum Committee.

Motion to send the proposal back to the FCAS Curriculum Committee. If approved by that committee the course will stand approved by the FSCC.
Motion passed 8-0-0

Petitions Tabled from GSB
MRKT 401 Advertising Campaigns Research
MRKT 402 Advertising Campaigns Practicum
These two proposals had been tabled at the 10/19/11 FSCC meeting with a request that additional information be supplied to answer committee questions. The committee reviewed the additional material at its 11/16/11 meeting but did not feel it adequately addressed the questions previously raised. The committee requested the proposer attend an FSCC meeting to address the questions.

The proposal remains tabled until the proposer is able to attend.

Petitions Tabled from SED
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

The two proposals remain tabled. The FSCC will need to receive coordinated proposals from biology and natural sciences in order to be able to consider the SED proposals.

GSB
The following three items were approved by FSCC at the 12/7/11 meeting and agreed for wording change with the Registrar and Minoo Tehrani subsequent to the FSCC meeting. No further action needs to be taken for any of these items.

IB/303/MGMT 303
Prerequisite listed as “45 credit hour standing” should read “at least second-semester sophomore standing.”
The last sentence of the course description reads, “This course may include a week of field study in one of the studied emerging countries” should read “This course may include a week of field study in one of the studied emerging countries, which will take place during the semester in which the course is offered.”
A model for this is the course description of HIST 390, a similar ‘as needed’ course with a travel component.

**IB 306**
See comment above regarding course prerequisite, which also applies to this course. The language would be changed for this course as well to ‘at least second-semester sophomore standing’.

**Changes to the IB Major description**
It was agreed that it should remain as originally proposed and approved.

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5. **Faculty-Led Programs Abroad Guidelines**

Guidelines for RWU Faculty-Led Programs Abroad from the Spiegel Center for Global and International Programs were circulated by email to the FSCC on Feb 10. The FS had constituted an ad-hoc senate committee to discuss this matter to bring transparent procedures and consistency to the process. That committee held a meeting to discuss this matter.

The FSCC decided that it needed to await the committee’s report to the FS to be made before it could/should take up this matter. A report will be presented to the Senate at its next meeting by Minoo Tehrani and others who were at that meeting.

6. **Any Other Business**

There was some discussion as to how changes would be made in the Core Curriculum, as it is unclear as to how the Core/General Education committees work under the FS, and what process for approval of changes exists in the new structure. (This also applies to programs/courses that are not ‘housed’ in any academic area, such as Asian studies – noted above – and perhaps other future academic programs.) The matter will be brought to the attention of the FS and/or Provost for guidance.

7. **Next Meeting**
   Scheduled for March 21, 3 – 4:30 pm, room Arch 239A

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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