Minutes Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Meeting  
March 21, 2012 – Room AR 239A, 3 pm – 5 pm

Committee members
Present: Nancy Breen, Anthony Hollingsworth, Hasan-Uddin Khan (chair), Mark Sawoski, John Schlinke, Louis Swiczewicz, Minoo Tehrani, and Joan Romano, Assistant to the Dean of FCAS (ex officio)
Absent: Chris Menton, Anthony Ruocco, Jenny K Tsankova (on sabbatical), and Annie Russell, Registrar (ex officio)
Visitors: Alejandro Leguizamo, Assistant Professor, Psychology; Ed Strong, Assistant Dean, GSB; Kevin Hayden, Director, Study Abroad Programs, SCGIP

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

The chair announced that Faculty Senate approval of the minutes of this meeting will be expedited so that curricular decisions may be finalized prior to March 30th (deadline for catalog changes/entries).

1. Minutes of FSCC meeting of February 14, 2012: approved on line and posted, and accepted by the Faculty Senate at its meeting of March 7, 2012.

2. Announcements
   It has been noted that the last date for Catalog changes/entries is April 9th and not March 30th as previously indicated.

3. Old Business

   Petitions Tabled from FCAS

2011-50 NC PSYCH 395 Themes in Cultural Psychology
October 18, 2011 By aleguizamo@rwu.edu

New Psychology course on Cultural Psychology: Themes in Cultural Psychology. The course constitutes advanced study of psychology in other cultures from a native perspective (as opposed to involving a comparison of that culture vis-a-vis the US or Western psychology).

The proposal had been tabled at the 2/14/2012 FSCC meeting in order to ask the proposer (Alejandro Leguizamo) to clarify the content and outcomes of the course.

The proposer explained the structure and content of the course and answered committee members questions. Because it is a variable content course, discussion centered on whether foundational material would be repeated in multiple offerings of the course, and whether the regions of coverage were sufficiently defined. It was clarified that the necessary foundation material is taught in PSYCH 295 (a prerequisite for the proposed course) and that regional variations of the course would be limited to the four described in the course description. Joan Romano recommended adding language to the course description indicating the course may be taken multiple times for credit but students may not take the same topic more than once.

Motion to approve.
Motion passed 7-0-0
Note: Joan Romano will add the recommended limiting language to the course description.
2011-35 NC ASIA 430 Special Topics in East Asian Studies

March 22, 2011 By mcase@rwu.edu
This course is designed to be an elective within the East Asian Studies minor.

2011-34 NC ASIA 299 Special Topics in East Asian Studies
March 22, 2011 By mcase@rwu.edu
This course is designed to be an elective within the East Asian Studies minor.

The above two proposals were tabled at the 2/14/12 FSCC meeting pending clarification on where the East Asian minor and courses will be housed and how they will be approved at the school level. Clarification was received from Interim Provost, Robert Cole, on 3/2/12 and forwarded to the FSCC on 3/3/12 that all interdisciplinary minors now reside in FCAS and will be approved through the FCAS Curriculum Committee. It is noted that the above courses have been approved by FCASCC.

Motion to approve the two proposals.
Motion passed 7-0-0

2011-08 NC COMM 401 Entertainment Public Relations
December 8, 2010 By ashelton@rwu.edu
An upper level course that provides students with an in depth study opportunity in the entertainment industry. Students may only take this course after the core requirements for the major have been met.

Changes recommended by the FSCC at its 12/7/11 meeting require approval by the FCAS Curriculum Committee. If approved by that committee the course will stand approved by the FSCC.
Status of this proposal remains unchanged.

2009-58 NC PA 352 Non-Profit Management
November 20, 2009 By jspeakman@rwu.edu
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. GSB faculty were concerned that the course is a management course. The Interim Assistant Dean of the GSB has reviewed the proposal. Minoo Tehrani conveyed the Interim Assistant Dean’s comments to the FSCC. The FSCC informed the proposer that coordination (who can teach the course and perhaps cross-listing) remained to be resolved.

Ed Strong spoke to the issues, indicating they had been resolved.

Motion to approve.
Motion passed 7-0-0

Petitions Tabled from GSB – Marketing

MRKT 401 Advertising Campaigns Research

MRKT 402 Advertising Campaigns Practicum
The above 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, received from Ed Strong, dated Nov 8, 2011, 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.

Ed Strong indicated that the questions have now been addressed and the Dean of the GSB supports the approval of the two proposals. M. Tehrani stated that she had talked to the Rep of the Marketing Group. According to the Rep of the Marketing Group in consultation with K. Micken, there is a plan to change the proposals in response to the questions raised by the FSCC. M. Tehrani reported that she emailed K. Micken and the Rep of the Marketing Group in regard to this conversation. K. Micken responded that she planned to attend the fall meeting of the FSCC regarding the proposed marketing courses. Without a resolution to the conflicting information, the proposals remain tabled.

**Petitions Tabled from SED**

**NC EDU 342 Teaching Inquiry Science in the Elementary School**
Change in degree program requirements: Require EDU 342 in place of a program elective. This proposal was approved at the 12/7/2011 FSCC meeting pending approval of the related proposals below. It remains tabled as the related proposals have not yet been approved by the FCASCC.

**Change in degree program:** To meet the Core Science requirement, Elementary Education majors would be required to take BIO 105L – Life Science for Elementary Education with Lab, and NATSC 105/L: Earth and Physical Science for Elementary Education with Lab in place of the current requirement of either CORE 101 – Science, Technology and Society or NATSC 211/212 - Teaching and Learning Science through Inquiry. This proposal for a change in degree requirements is dependent on the approval of BIO 105/L and NATSC 105/L. Both of those courses are still being reviewed by the Dean of FCAS and have not been reviewed by the FCAS Curriculum Committee.

**Bank EDU 211L /212L – Teaching and Learning Science through Inquiry**
This proposal remains tabled until the related change in degree requirements proposal is approved.

4. **List of proposals for consideration**
   Note: NP – New Program; NM – New Minor; MJC – major change; MNC – minor change; NC – new course

**SECCM: 4 Petitions submitted (circulated to FSCC by email on 3/5/12)**

**NC ENGR 340 – Sustainable Systems**

**NC ENGR 350 – Theory & Design for Mechanical Measurements**

**NC ENGR 420 – Transportation Engineering**
Note: The addition of 3 credits to the course description would be in order for the catalog copy.

**ENGR – Changes to course list for Civil & Mechanical Specializations**
The four proposals above were circulated by email to the FSCC which approved them on line by a unanimous vote of 9 – 0 – 0.
SED: 5 petitions

NC EDU 440 Educational Studies Internship and Seminar

NC EDU 442 Educational Studies Thesis and Seminar
The above two courses replace existing special topics courses

After discussing the two proposals above, the FSCC felt that the number of errors and omissions in the proposals indicates they have not been properly vetted at the school level. A list of questions and concerns to be addressed will be provided to the proposers.

Motion to table the two proposals
Motion passed 7-0-0

NC EDU 508 Multicultural Education/Urban Education – replaces EDU 530

Motion to approve.
Motion passed 7-0-0

MJC in the existing requirement of limiting the Core Concentration options for Elementary Education Majors (both certification and Educational Studies track) to the following: English, Math, Sciences, Foreign Language, and History.

Motion to table the proposal until documentation is provided to show that it has been approved by the Core Curriculum Committee. Additionally, appropriate catalog copy indicating the proposed change must be submitted to the FSCC before the proposal can be considered.
Motion passed 7-0-0

MNC in the MAT Program – Remove EDU 521 and add EDU 508 as the requirement

Motion to approve
Motion passed 7-0-0

SAAHP: 3 petitions

NGC HP 502 Principles of Preservation Planning – co-listed with HP 302

NGC HP 503 Architectural Conservation – co-listed with HP 301

Changes to the Existing HP Graduate Program
Motion to approve the three proposals with the following changes to the texts:
- The co-listed course in the HP 503 proposal must be corrected to be HP 301.
- Add language in the course descriptions indicating co-listings.
- A statement must be added in the catalog indicating students cannot receive credit for both HP 302 and HP 502, and a statement added indicating students cannot receive credit for both HP 301 and HP 503.
FCAS: 16 new petitions online

2012-14 MNC BIO 200 Change in Pre-reqs
February 9, 2012 By tsorger@rwu.edu
Change in prerequisite BIO 200
Motion to approve.
Motion passed 7-0-0

2012-03 MNC Bank PSYCH 433
January 27, 2012 By jplatania@rwu.edu
This petition proposes banking PSYCH 433: Special Topics in Psychology. The rationale is that additional course numbers representing Special Topics in Psychology will be replaced by PSYCH 430.
Motion to approve the three proposals
Motion passed 7-0-0

2012-02 MNC Bank PSYCH 432
January 27, 2012 By jplatania@rwu.edu
This petition proposes banking PSYCH 432: Special Topics in Psychology. The rationale is that additional course numbers representing Special Topics in Psychology will be replaced by PSYCH 430.

2012-12 MNC Bank PSYCH 431
January 27, 2012 By jplatania@rwu.edu
Petition proposes banking PSYCH 431: Special Topics in Psychology. The rational is that additional course numbers representing Special Topics in Psychology will be replaced by PSYCH 430.

2012-11 MNC MATH 370 Course Name Change / Revision of Course Contents
January 25, 2012 By kozer@rwu.edu
Change MATH 370 course title from “Advanced Calculus” to “Advanced Calculus for the Physical Sciences”, revision of course contents.
Motion to approve.
Motion passed 7-0-0

2012-10 MNC SUST 301 Clarification of prerequisites
January 24, 2012 By lbyrne@rwu.edu
The committee believes the math prerequisite should not be allowed to be waived by consent of instructor. The FSCC will check its archive to determine what was approved in the original approval of the course.
Motion to table the proposal.
Motion passed 7-0-0

2012-09 MNC SUST 401 Change to prerequisite
January 24, 2012 By lbyrne@rwu.edu
Motion to oppose the proposal because the committee believes there should be a math requirement for the sustainability minor.
Motion passed 7-0-0

2012-12 MNC Sustainability Studies Minor electives list
January 24, 2012 By lbyrne@rwu.edu
Additions to the list of electives for the Sustainability Studies minor

The committee is concerned that the course list is growing very long.

Motion to table the proposal for further discussion.
Motion passed 6-0-1

There was no time remaining to consider the following 8 proposals, which are tabled. The FSCC will consider them at a special extra meeting before the end of the month.

2012-06 NC MATH 218 Applied Calculus for Life Sciences
November 18, 2011 By hhouissikamdem@rwu.edu
Brief Description of Proposal: The role of mathematics in life sciences is becoming more and more pervasive and it is only a natural step to provide students majoring in those fields with a mathematical background that will make them both competitive and successful in their work [...]

2012-05 MNC MATH 207 change in course name
November 16, 2011 By egladue@rwu.edu
The Mathematics Department proposes changing the name of MATH 207 from Applied Calculus to Applied Calculus for Business and Social Science. The course itself will remain unchanged.

2012-04 MNC MATH 381 Change in Pre-req
November 11, 2011 By kozer@rwu.edu
Removal of MATH 317 (Differential Equations) from the prerequisites of MATH 381 (Complex Analysis)

2011-56 NC BIO 204 Introduction to Marine Biology
November 3, 2011 By tscott@rwu.edu
Introduction to Marine Biology (BIO 204) is a new course offering in the Department of Biology and Marine Biology. The course will introduce students to marine ecosystems and their inhabitants with emphasis on the physiological adaptations, body types and behavioral strategies of resident species.

2011-55 MJC Requirements to Marine Biology (BA)
November 3, 2011 By tscott@rwu.edu
Proposed major Changes to the Marine Biology Major – Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree, for the first time in over a decade we are revisiting the requirements of the marine biology curriculum in order to broaden the opportunities available to students.

2011-54 MJC Requirements in Marine Biology (BS)
November 3, 2011 By tscott@rwu.edu
Major Changes Proposed to the Marine Biology Bachelor of Science (BS) degree Brief Description of Proposal: For the first time in over a decade we are revisiting the requirements of the marine biology curriculum in order to broaden the opportunities available to students.

2011-53 NC BIO 332 Fisheries Science
October 27, 2011 By dtaylor@rwu.edu
Fisheries Science (BIO 332) is a new course offering in the Department of Marine Biology and Biology. The course is multidisciplinary and examines the biology, ecology, and population dynamics of aquatic fishery resources. This information is further integrated with the study of human socioeconomics.

2011-51 NC ANTH 205 Religious Diversity in Global Perspectives
October 26, 2011 By mmacphee@rwu.edu
A new elective offering in the Anthropology+Sociology Department. The department has offered the course as a special topic in 2008, 2009, and 2011.

SCS – Paralegal Studies: 2 petitions + College Unbound

NC PLS 370 Immigration Law for Paralegals

NC PLS 372 Intellectual Property – replaces PLS 430 special topics

College Unbound pilot program – for FSCC comment

The above SCS proposals were tabled until the next FSCC meeting. The proposers will be invited to attend the meeting to present their proposals.

SCGIP: Internships
The Spiegel Center for Global and International Programs Is seeking approval to use RWU's current internship/co-op course designations of 460/469 as equivalents for the international internship courses that are available through their approved study abroad programs. Kevin Hayden will join the meeting to discuss the program proposal.

After presentation, the committee discussed several issues in regard to the quality and supervision of such internships. M. Tehrani stated that supervision of the internships was the responsibility of the faculty per each major and the FSCC could not approve such a blanket proposal on behalf of the majors across campus. A. Hollingsworth asked K. Hayden to provide additional information, including a specific program as a case study.

5. Other Business

The Interim Provost, Robert Potter, has spoken with the Registrar about best practices and would like to recommend we standardize the maximum length of RWU catalog descriptions at 125 words.

Faculty Led Programs Abroad Guidelines were not discussed due to lack of time.

Core Curriculum petitions on line at the FCAS curriculum site will be reviewed on line by the FSCC – an email will be circulated about this in the near future.

1. Next Meetings
An extra meeting of the FSCC was scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, room to be confirmed.
The next full meeting of the FSCC is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, in Arch 239A.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.