Minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2012 (corrected 11/19/12; action on item #14)

Present: Bohnhoff, Brighouse, Brown, Green, Ingham, Johnson, Murphy, Seidenberg (by phone), Vanderwal Taylor, Wilkerson

Absent: Miller, Rahko

The meeting began at 1:18 p.m.

1. Consent item – Minutes of the September 28, 2012 meeting
2. Revisit the role of university-level review of courses: The ad hoc interdivisional curriculum committee will focus its discussion on questions/problems related to course proposals and on issues relevant to policy discussion.
3. The committee reviewed the existing credit hour policy, noting that policy is particularly needed for field study, seminar, and independent/directed study courses, as well as learning outcomes: https://kb.wisc.edu/vesta/page.php?id=24558

Course Proposal Review

Summary of actions: All course proposals on the regular and consent agenda were approved, with the exception of Asian American Studies 440 - Special Courses in the Asian American Studies Program (#17 on the agenda). Some approvals included recommendations from the ad hoc interdivisional curriculum committee to the subject owner(s).

Arts and Humanities

4. Integrated Liberal Studies 170 – Creativity and the Civic-Minded Culture
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards. Course has been approved for ethnic studies designation by the University General Education Committee (see their note).
   Action: Approved, with a request to the department to consider whether seminar is the appropriate designation for this course given the anticipated enrollment of 40-50 students. The committee supports the content of the course.

5. Legal Studies/Environmental Studies 430 - Law and Environment: Rights and Resources
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards. The Department of History supports the proposal.
   Action: Approved

   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards
   Action: Approved, with request that department clarify grading scheme for graduate students

7. English 342: The English Language
   Type of proposal: New course
Note: Deferred from September because reviewer was ill

Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards. Department of Linguistics supports proposal.

Action: Approved

8. French 210 - Sexuality and Gender in 20th-Century French Literature
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards. Department of Gender & Women’s Studies supports proposal but does not wish to crosslist.
   Action: Approved

Biological Sciences

   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards
   Action: Approved

10. Cell and Regenerative Biology/Medicine 701: Cell Signaling and Human Disease
    Type of proposal: New course
    Action: Approved

11. Pediatrics 741: Interviewing and Counseling for the Genetic Counseling I
    Type of proposal: New course
    Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards
    Action: Approved

12. Pediatrics 745: Seminar in Medical Genetic Counseling Research
    Type of proposal: New course
    Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards
    Action: Approved

    Type of proposal: New course
    Staff note: Proposal meets standards. In lieu of syllabus, department provided expectations document that will be given to students.
    Action: Approved

Physical Sciences

    Type of proposal: New course
    Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards. Department of Engineering Physics supports proposal. Departments of Chemical and Biological Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering were notified on 9/19/12 but have not replied.
    Action: Conditional approval; check with departments that did not reply. (CBE approved on 11/2, ECE reports on 11/5 that they are working with BME on outstanding questions, must check with ME)
    Final action: November 19, 2012: all departments and schools/colleges approved proposal
15. Engineering Professional Development 663 - Engineering Sustainability and Society Seminar and Conference
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards
   Action: Approved

16. Industrial and Systems Engineering 350: Junior Design Laboratory
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards
   Action: Conditional approval pending adherence to federal credit hour definition. In a follow-up conversation with the department, the course is composed of a lecture (50 minutes per week) and a combined discussion (50 minutes per week) and laboratory (listed on original proposal as 100 minutes per week but extended to 130 minutes per week). Proposal meets standards and is thus approved.

17. Asian American Studies 440 - Special Courses in the Asian American Studies Program
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposing variable-credit course but will typically offer a 3-credit option. Syllabus meets standards for 3-credit course. Are the credit justifications on page 4 acceptable?
   Action: Deferred, pending resolution of the following questions: 1) Is this a topics course, or a "basket course" that is solely intended to list other departments'/programs' courses as Asian American Studies courses? 2) The justifications and syllabus are appropriate for a 3-credit course. Further explanation is required for the 1-, 2-, and 4-credit options, including a syllabus for each credit option (or, if there is one syllabus for each of the credit options, each credit option must be clearly defined).

18. Geography 475 - Topics in Geography
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards. Syllabus meets standards for 3-credit course.
   Action: Approved

19. Kinesiology 240: Methods of Teaching Invasion Games and Sports
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards
   Action: Approved

20. Library and Information Studies 620: Field Project in Library and Information Agencies
   Type of proposal: Change in credits (from variable to 3 credits)
   Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards. This is a practicum course that meets the standards of the accrediting body of the School of Library and Information Studies.
   Action: Approved

21. Nursing 655 - Psychopharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses
   Type of proposal: New course
   Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards. Department of Pharmacy Practice supports proposal. Department of Medical Sciences in the School of Medicine and Public Health was
contacted on 10/8/12 but has not yet responded.
Action: Approved, with note that the committee did not see a complete description of the online modules on the syllabus

22. Psychology 526 - The Criminal Mind: Forensic and Psychobiological Perspectives
Type of proposal: New course
Action: Approved

Type of proposal: New course
Action: Approved

24. Rehabilitation Psychology and Special Education 200: Foundations in Special Education
Type of proposal: New course
Staff note: Proposal and syllabus meet standards.
Additional note: Deferred from September because reviewer was ill
Action: Approved, with suggestion that the title change to “Issues in Special Education”, which the department adopted. Course title is “Issues in Special Education”.

Interdivisional
25. Science and Technology Studies 403 - Special Topics in Science & Technology Studies
Type of proposal: New course
Staff note: Proposal meets standards.
Action: Approved

Consent Agenda – Courses

All courses on the consent agenda were approved.

Biological Sciences

26. Entomology/Forest and Wildlife Ecology/Plant Pathology 500 - Insects and Diseases in Forest Resource Management
Type of proposal: Change in title, course description, crosslisting, credits
Current: Insects and Diseases in Forest Resource Management. Nature and significance of representative insects and diseases of natural and planted forests with emphasis on their control through manipulation of basic ecological and biological factors. Crosslisted among Entomology/Forest and Wildlife Ecology/Plant Pathology. 4 credits
Proposed: Insects in Forest Ecosystem Function and Management. Roles of insects in the functioning of healthy forest ecosystems, tactics for addressing challenges they pose to sustainable natural resource management, and emerging issues such as biological invasions, habitat alteration, and climate change that influence interactions among insects, their microbial associates, forests, and humans. Crosslisted between Entomology/Forest and Wildlife Ecology (remove Plant Pathology from crosslisting). 2 credits
Staff note: Proposal meets standards
27. Industrial and Systems Engineering/Library and Information Studies 617: Health Information Systems
   Type of proposal: Change in crosslist (add BMI)
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

28. Medicine 944 – Clinical Cardiology Clerkship (VAH)
   Type of proposal: Change in title (to Clinical Cardiology Clerkship)
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

29. Medicine 985 - Critical Care Medicine (CSC)
   Type of proposal: Change in title (to Critical Care Medicine)
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

30. Psychology 414 - Cognitive Psychology
   Type of proposal: Change in prerequisites
   Current: Psych 225, or an intro psych crse (201, 202, or 281) & cons inst
   Proposed: Psych 201 or 202 or 281; and Zoology 101 and 102 or Zoology 151 and 152 or Biocore 301-304
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

31. Geoscience 110 - Evolution and Extinction
   Type of proposal: Change in credits (from 3 credits to 4 credits)
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

32. Family and Consumer Communications/Gender and Women's Studies 350 - Daytime Serials: Family and Social Roles
   Type of proposal: Course deletion

33. Family and Consumer Communications 376 – Mass Media and the Family
   Type of proposal: Course deletion
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

34. Geography/Environmental Studies 557 - Political Ecology in Mainland Southeast Asia
   Type of proposal: Change in title
   Current: Political Ecology in Mainland Southeast Asia
   Proposed: Development and Environment in Southeast Asia
   Staff note: Proposal meets standards

35. Other business
   a. Suggestion that all subject listings be granted a special topics course number and directed study course number. The function of this committee would be less about approving a proposal than educating the department about university policies related to special topics and directed study usage.
   b. Is there a university policy on the difference between 299 and 699?
36. Future meetings:
   a. Fall semester from 1:15 to 3:15: Nov 30, Dec 14
   b. Spring semester from noon to 2:00: Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 22, Apr 26, May 10

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Andrea Poehling, divisional committees coordinator.