

Governance Actions November 2006

The Curriculum

Program actions:

The Faculty Senate approved a new major in First Nations Studies (28-0-1) now awaiting approval by the Board of Regents.

The Faculty Senate approved a new Global Studies minor (22-1-1)

The Provost approved Ancient and Medieval Studies as an area of emphasis in HUS to begin in fall 2007.

The General Education Council endorsed an experiment in coupling Intro to Humanities II and Expository Writing.

The GEC approved language courses (Arabic, Hmong, and Japanese) for meeting the World Culture requirement.

The GEC approved the concept of a proposal from HUS to alter the courses that meet the Humanities requirement. Since then the two groups have been passing motions at each other to negotiate the details (stay tuned).

The GEC approved a proposal to alter gen. ed. by requiring: 1) that when more than course is required in a category, they may not be from the same discipline; and 2) that all students must take at least 6 credits of interdisciplinary course beyond those required by the student's major and minor (new courses, such as freshman seminars, may be created for this requirement).

The Faculty Senate endorsed the Curriculum Planning and Procedures Guide (24-0-0). Copies have been sent to unit chairs. The forms are available online.

NAS and the Graduate Faculty Board of Advisors have endorsed a policy to let UWGB undergraduate students who have completed 90 or more credits be admitted provisionally into the graduate program to allow them to enroll in graduate courses prior to completion of the undergraduate degree. Each graduate program will individually determine criteria for provisional acceptance and completion.

Course actions:

ACCTG 313, 314 Advanced Financial Accounting I, II – tabled by AAC

ACCTG 303 Seminar in Accounting Professionalism – awaiting action by AAC

GEOG 223 Ocean of Air: Weather and Climate Laboratory – accepted by GEC
for gen. ed. credit

HIST 312 Early American Republic – tabled by AAC; accepted for writing emphasis by GEC
HIST 470 Studies in Comparative History – returned by AAC
HUB 405 Genes and Biotechnology – returned by AAC
HUD 427 Development Research Methods – awaiting action by AAC
HUS Beginning Arabic 101 – approved by AAC
MUS 349 Stereo Recording and Editing – returned by AAC
PEA 339/539 Political and Policy Dimensions of Emergency Management – approved by AAC
PEA 477 Seminar in Economic Literature and Issues – awaiting action by AAC
PHIL 103 Critical Thinking – approved by AAC and by GEC
SOCW 451 Child Welfare Practice – tabled by GEC
SOCW 490 International Social Work in Guatemala – awaiting action by AAC
URS 350 Special Topics in URS – awaiting action by AAC

Personnel Practices

The Faculty Senate approved a code change to the section on non-renewal of probationary appointments (UWGB 3.09). This was sent, along with a code change passed last spring to the section on review procedures (UWGB 3.08), to System Administration. Their lawyers objected until it was pointed out that the change was to align UWGB code with existing System code (UWS 3.08). They withdrew their objection and the Regents approved the change. The current on-line version of the code will be modified accordingly.

The Faculty Senate, after three failed attempts, passed a resolution to the Regents objecting to some elements of a proposal for expedited dismissals (UWS 7). The Academic Staff Committee declined to send any message to the Regents.

The University Committee has asked all units to put in writing or update their merit/tenure guidelines, to have them approved by the deans, and to be placed on file in the SOFAS office by next May.

The Faculty Senate voted to revise the Search and Screen Procedures for Administrative Appointments deleting mentions of a position (Special Assistant to the Chancellor) that no longer exists.

Governance Structures and Policies

The Faculty Senate and the Academic Staff Committee both approved a code change to stagger longer terms for members on the Awards and Recognition Committee.

The Academic Staff Committee will make a code change to allow its Personnel Committee to be the hearing body for layoffs due to budget or program.