

CFC Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2017, 3:30 in the Shawnee Room

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- I. Call to Order at 3:30 pm
- II. C-TEL's Teaching Consultation Program Discussion with guest Tracy Routsong
 - C-TEL consultations February 13th Brown Bag Lunch
 - Informative, not evaluative
 - Three tiers
 - Mentor-based
 - CTEL provides generic letter about consultation (for T&P materials) and a second that is more detailed (confidential)
 - Adds to student-perception forms
 - Not discipline specific, tier 3 intended to be multi-disciplinary
- III. Minutes Approved, December 7, 2016
- IV. Division Reports
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Curriculum Committee Minutes Accepted: November 2016-January 2017
- VI. New Business
 - A. Curriculum Changes
 1. Bachelor of Music in Performance: Organ Emphasis – Change Approved
 - a. Dept. offers 3 degrees, MU 206 (Improvisation) required for performance degree (not others). Incorporated MU206 in Theory 4 (required for all degrees).
 2. Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology – Change Approved
 - a. Trying to create internship number (using generic number now)
 - b. Adding Advanced General Botany
- VII. Discussion
 - A. Changing Grade Evaluation System to Plus/Minus System

1. Pros
 - Law school already uses +/- (can do it in banner)
 - Incentivizes students, especially toward the end of the semester (finals)
 - Fairness – rounding vs. using +/- (A rounded 79.6 gets the same grade as an 89)
 - Accuracy/precision in assessment
 - Grade inflation is a serious problem, +/- may help address this issue
 - C minus difficult due to catalog language
 - Professors may choose not to use it (specify in syllabus)
2. Cons
 - May add hassle to professors
 - A, B, C, D, F has worked fine in the past
 - Can a student begin under one system and then change to the new +/- system?
 - Odd for college to have different system than the rest of the University (may be better for Faculty Senate to consider)
3. Other Issues
 - Need to have an understanding of faculty member's grading philosophy
 - Moving forward...
 - Create motion in Faculty Senate with research and rationale
 - Refer to CFC sub-committee or create an ad-hoc committee
 - Unofficial suggestion to Faculty Senate
 - Motion approved to support study on the feasibility of introducing the +/- system (research to be completed by faculty senate)

- Announcements

- Faculty Colloquium
 - Organized by Tom Averill (retiring)
 - Common readings, faculty present papers related to theme from their discipline
 - Faculty get small honorarium
 - Invite faculty to submit ideas for the broad colloquium theme (maps, gardens, race, food, water)
 - Bruce Mactavish sending email (2/1/2017)
 - Supports inter-disciplinary study
- Course Success Groups
 - Reports are posted on college webpage under “Faculty and Staff”
 - Email was sent out describing topics of interest
- BIS Director
 - Paul Prece (retiring)
 - Previously helped distance-ed students wanting to earn a 4-year degree
 - Many BIS students now have many hours without a degree. Helps students finish up coherent degree
 - Need someone to take Paul's place
 - Students typically do a capstone (not supervised by BIS director)

- How do grad schools look at BIS degree?
- CAS distinguished speaker for spring – Rachel Goossen, Topic: Vietnam, April 17 at 7 pm in Bradbury Thompson
- Tonight Lincoln Harman Lecture: Don Doyle, International response to the assassination of Lincoln, February 1 at 7 pm Bradbury Thompson
- HLC approval for MA in communication and Leadership degree
 - Opens up financial aid for students
- Vagina Monologues performance Thurs., Fri., Sat.
 - Profits donated to human trafficking
- Tim Wise, A community conversation on Race & Social Justice –White Concert Hall, February 10th at 3:30 pm

- Adjournment