Meeting Date: 5-03-2017  Montgomery Hall Rm 316

Chairing the meeting: Jeff Holm

In attendance: Jeff Holm, Shuzo Takahashi, Lucian Stone, Wendelin Hume, Bill Caraher, Sheryl O’Donnell, Harmon Abrahamson, Karyn Plumm and Angie Novak

Absent: None

Matters arising:

Jeff opened the meeting at 10:00.

Harmon introduced CHEM 333 and 333L course changes. The department would like the summer term option eliminated. Harmon made a motion to approve the course changes; Lucian seconded. Passed unanimously.

Lucian introduced program changes to the Minor in Ethics, Minor in Philosophy, BA with Major in Philosophy and Religion: Philosophy concentration and Pre-Law. Most changes reflect the recently approved name change of the Department of Philosophy and Religion to the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. Other changes involve streamlining the programs so that the programs appeal to more students and reduces the amount of time for students to graduate. Harmon made a motion to approve all of the program changes with the expectation that a supporting document from the Chair of Philosophy and Religion is provided that explains the reason for the program changes; Lucian seconded. Passed unanimously.

Sheryl introduced proposed new courses PHIL 304 and 310. PHIL 304 is a new course created by the deactivations of PHIL 441 and 442. PHIL 310 is a new course created by the deactivation of PHIL 443. These new courses and course deactivations anticipate attracting more students and reduces the number of course offerings. Sheryl made a motion to approve the new courses PHIL 304 and 310 and the deactivations of PHIL 441, 442 and 443; Harmon seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Shuzo introduced course deactivations of PHIL 221, 321, 400, 410, 415, 420, 425 and 430. After discussion, Shuzo made a motion to approve the course deactivations; Harmon seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Wendelin introduced PHIL 130, 331 and 451. PHIL 331 changes include a name change, terms offered and the option to repeat the course for credit. After discussion, Wendelin made a motion of approve the course changes with a minor edit to the rationale regarding the change in content for repeatable credits; Sheryl seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. PHIL 130 changes involve terms in which the department will offer the course. Wendelin made a motion to approve the change; Sheryl seconded. Passed unanimously. PHIL 451 changes involve title change and the option to repeat the course for up to six credits. Wendelin made a motion to approve the changes; Lucian seconded. Passed unanimously.

Bill introduced PHIL 110, 312 and 360 course changes. PHIL 110 course change involve a title change. Bill made a motion to approve the course change; Lucian seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. PHIL 312 and 360 course changes involve revisions to course descriptions and terms the department will offer the course. Bill made a motion of approve the course changes; Sheryl seconded. Passed unanimously.
Sheryl introduced proposed new courses PHIL 240 and 315. In the past, the department offered PHIL 240 as PHIL 399, which has been successful in terms of enrollment and the department would now like to offer the course under its own heading. Sheryl made a motion to approve the new course; Lucian seconded. Passed unanimously. PHIL 315 developed after the deactivation of eighteen other courses and the hope is that the new course appeals to more students. Sheryl made a motion to approve the new course; Wendelin seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Jeff introduced PHIL 250, 251 and 252 course deactivations. After discussion, Jeff made a motion to approve the deactivations of PHIL 251 and 252 with a memo from Leadership and Military Science to support the deactivation. If Leadership and Military Science will not support the deactivation’s, the deactivation’s will be brought back to the next curriculum meeting in the fall. Harmon seconded. Passed unanimously. The committee decided to hold PHIL 250 until the next curriculum committee meeting in the fall for more discussion.

Jeff introduced PHIL 282 course change. The course change involves a course number change. Jeff has a letter of support from Chinese Studies that he will attach before approving. Harmon made a motion to approve the course change with the letter of support attached; Sheryl seconded. Passed unanimously.

Jeff introduced PHIL 300 and 301 course changes. After discussion, the committee decided that these courses should be held until the next curriculum meeting to wait for letter of support from History.

Jeff introduced PHIL 302 and 303 deactivations. After discussion, Harmon made a motion to approve the deactivations with a letter of support from History; Wendelin seconded. Passed unanimously.

Jeff introduced PHIL 342 and 371 course changes. PHIL 342 is a change in title and course description. Jeff made a motion to approve the changes; Harmon seconded. Passed unanimously. PHIL 371 changes involve a numbering change and title change. Harmon made a motion to approve the course change with a letter of approval from Criminal Justice; Jeff seconded. Passed unanimously.

Jeff introduced BIOL 350 course changes. The changes involve a title change, a course description change and a change in term offerings. Harmon made a motion to approve the changes; Lucian seconded. Passed unanimously.

BS with Major in Fisheries & Wildlife Biology will be held until the next committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05.