Minutes
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Present: L. Bica, D. Dunham, S. Duckworth-Lawton, G. Hanson-Brenner, J. Hoepner, B. Nowlan, J. Markgraf, D. Mowry, J. Pratt (Chair), S. Fish (Student Senator), and Mike Wick

Guests: Margaret Cassidy, Jennifer Fager, Marc Goulet, L. Kiefer, Jill Prushiek,

Chair Pratt called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

I. Minutes
   a. Approval of the minutes of April 9
   b. Approved revised minutes pending the typographical changes

II. Review of Latin American Studies
   a. LAS has many achievements in HIP, scholarships, Fulbrights, etc.
   b. LAS made all of the major changes recommended from the 2002 review.
   c. All but one faculty member is affiliated.
   d. Since review, faculty have proposed a new biology course to expand LAS curricular offerings; “Ecosystems in LAS.”
   e. Continuing to work on offering Portuguese
      i. Contacted the distance learning UW System coordinator for Portuguese.
      ii. Dr. Markgraf is exploring Study abroad possibilities for adding Portuguese language courses and Brazilian courses.
   f. LAS is exploring possible business and agri-bio alliances.
   g. LAS made great strides as a collective unit of people who have home departments elsewhere, but it is also a weakness. As retirements come up, LAS must monitor this. To be as strong as the program can be, global, diversity, etc, a modest allocation of resources to the department would help stabilize this challenge.
   h. LAS already have very good advising guide sheets. How to deal with the issues of overlapping IDIS courses/credit with other majors must be addressed.
   i. There is a problem with the new degree audit not displaying or recognizing LAS classes. A. Dean Cassidy is in process with Director DeGrave to deal with this.
   j. BluGold Commitment monies were used to streamlines processes and streamline paperwork.
   k. Assessment: Department gave the assessment grids to the students to ask how to map learning. This is a burden on affiliated faculty.
   l. Hiring of an ADA: scheduled to move into the third floor of Hibbard, hopeful to hire or have ADA support by time of the move.
m. We appreciate additional information about the LAS alumni’s professional activities in the reports. This is also an advising tool. Update the list on the website so that students can see what others are doing. BluGold Commitment helped with curricular redesign, teaching student support to use CommonSpot, MailChimp, etc. The website is student driven.

n. Students active in multiple roles within the program.

o. 24-7 emergency contact for international internships, etc is an issue. Recommend that work with CIE to alleviate this as a burden. This is not limited to LAS program. As a university, we need to think about how we will support students abroad. There needs to be someone to back up Director DeGrave. No real support from UW System for this. We need to work on this.

p. LAS has had a major impact on disparate students.

III. ULEC:

a. Given ULEC’s work creating the application, does APC want to pull the amendment on definitions?

b. Or pull the references to credits “foster growth and development of the student, have assessable student work, and are aligned with the learning outcomes.”

c. Moved by Robert Nowlan to revise the amendment to revise references to credit-bearing as illustrated. Second by Jill Markgraf. Passed by acclimation.

IV. Open discussion: Identify issues on LE

a. Discussion of a possible revision of the new chair’s amendment to re-couple the K3 and 4. Discussion ensued.

b. Dr. Mowry discussed service learning and the R3. Discussion ensued. Can propose that R3 be changed to “or” from “and”. May look at all of the “ands” in the frame.

c. On the Amendment to adopt full implementation in 2015, no phasing: Possible response “Implementation 2016-17...” ULEC can start pilot testing. Putting it off 1 year gives chairs and faculty a chance to work through possible outcomes. Does APC want to do this? Possible assessment implications of both were discussed.

V. Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm

Respectfully Submitted

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Secretary for the meeting.