University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Academic Policies Committee
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Tuesday, October 11, 2016
Chancellors Room, 311 Davies

Present: Members: Mohammad Alasagheirin, Nathan Altmann, Janice Bogstad, Selika Duckworth-Lawton, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Hans Kishel, Sean McAleer, Evan Weiher

Guests: Margaret Cassidy, Manny Fernandez, Debra Jansen, Jill Prushiek

Presiding: Bob Hooper called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of the 09/27/2016 meeting minutes
   • Motion to approve minutes of September 27, 2016, seconded, approved with minor edits.

2. Latin American Studies Certificate
   • Fernandez attended the meeting to provide information and answer questions.
   • Latin American Studies currently has four majors and one minor, all require students to participate in study abroad and have Spanish language ability. However, the certificate doesn’t require either, allowing students from various majors to learn about Latin America. Beneficial in that it allows for a broader audience, not everyone is interested in pursuing a language.
   • Section III: Would it be appropriate to change students of color to minorities?
     • No, using language found in the Academic Master Plan
   • The certificate requires two core courses and two electives. The core courses provide an introduction to Latin American communities and culture and aren’t geared toward any type of career discipline or field.
   • Concern surrounding how certificates are being counted by Academic Affairs in terms of SAM/PAM and whether the certificate will detract from the minor.
     • Programs with small numbers aren’t a problem; programs with small numbers and small courses can be. SAM doesn’t currently include certificates. The updated data hasn’t been released yet.
     • It isn’t anticipated that the certificate will detract from the minor as the minor has study abroad and Spanish language requirements. Students who don’t have the time or the desire of learning a language or studying abroad will be drawn to the certificate.
     • PAM/SAM should count certificates and graduate programs, need to be highlighted during the program review process.
   • The advising piece needs clarification, who insure the students are taking the correct electives, who provides the advising?
     • Latin American Studies is interdisciplinary, three faculty provide the majority of the advising, aren’t expecting a large increase in workload
   • Students pursuing the certificate aren’t required to participate in an immersion; however, they’re encouraged to do so. Substitutions/waivers will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. WMNS 422 is an elective and has an immersion component. See Section III Dii.
   • Do certificates appear on degree audits?
     • Yes, beginning with the 2015-2016 Catalog
   • Motion was made to establish a Latin American Studies Certificate. Motion was seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against.
   • APC will not meet next week; the next meeting will be on October 18, 2016.

Chair Bob Hooper adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Forcier
Secretary for the Meeting