

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Academic Policies Committee
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Tuesday, February 16, 2021
via Microsoft Teams

Present: *Members:* Scott Clark, Rahul Gomes, Abby Hemmerich, Marquell Johnson, Carol Koroghlanian, Bill Miller, Dalete Mota, Kati Schaller, Evan Weiher
Guests: Margaret Cassidy, Sue Fondrie, Cheryl Lochner-Wright, Jill Prushiek

Presiding: Chair Marquell Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from February 9, 2021

- Motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2021, as distributed. Motion was seconded and approved (9-0-0).

2. Proposal for Elementary Education Major Rename [code 940-206] to Elementary-Middle Education: Grades 4K-9

- Sue Fondrie was in attendance to provide information and answer questions. Change requested to align with the new DPI requirements which expanded from K-8; students will be able to teach children in 4K-9.
- Motion to approve the proposal to rename the Elementary Education major [code 940-206] to Elementary-Middle Education: Grades 4K-9. Motion was seconded and approved (9-0-0).

3. Proposal from Center for International Education (CIE) USAC Portugal

- Cheryl Lochner Wright was in attendance to provide information and answer questions. Through USAC, excellent opportunity as the university is AACSB accredited. COB only allows students to participate in programs that are AACSB accredited, it's important to include this one as an option.
- Are most USAC programs intending full implementation beginning summer/fall and what's the U.S.'s standing relating to travel.
 - The program is being proposed for Summer 2022 to allow time to get everything ready. The Travel Risk Committee will meet at the end of February to determine whether we are able to send students abroad this summer and will meet at the end of June to address fall programs. France is no longer allowing short-term students; everything is in flux.
- Motion to approve the proposal from the Center for International Education (CIE) for USAC Portugal. Motion was seconded and approved (9-0-0).

4. Proposal from CIE Summer Study Abroad Kansai Gaidai, Japan

- Adding summer to a program that has an existing fall/spring/AY component. Longest standing University partner that added the summer program a few years ago, contacted UWEC asking about summer options so CIE moved forward with it.
- Motion to approve the proposal from CIE for Summer Study Abroad Kansai Gaidai, Japan. Motion was seconded and approved (9-0-0).

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5. Proposal from CIE Venice, Italy- Semester (INTA Study Abroad) Cancellation

- The Venice campus has closed so the program no longer exists.
- Are other countries experiencing financial difficulties leading to reductions/closures?
 - Some sites have suspended operations, are seeing it and there may be more.
- Motion to approve the proposal from CIE to cancel Venice, Italy- Semester (INTA Study Abroad). Motion was seconded and approved (9-0-0).

6. Proposal from CIE Peru- Semester (INTX Exchange) and Summer (INTA Study Abroad) Cancellation

- Agreement has expired and would need to renegotiate. During its five years, UWEC has only sent two students and they have not sent any and said they likely will not send any due to the high cost of living. Departments that were involved in setting up the exchange have been notified and any faculty connections made through the program can continue.
- Is there an expectation during the agreement that a minimum number of students will participate/reciprocate between institutions?
 - Some agreements do define numbers, but typically max versus min. Have been reviewing agreements to keep the ones that are active up-to-date. Peru has not responded to contacts by CIE regarding renegotiating.
- Motion to approve the proposal from CIE to cancel Peru- Semester (INTX Exchange) and Summer (INTA Study Abroad). Motion was seconded and approved (9-0-0).

7. Proposal from CIE Valladolid, Spain (INTX Exchange) Cancellation

- Long-standing partnership dating back to late 80s. They approached UWEC in 2015 wanting to add an exchange to the agreement, we previously only sent students to their Language Center, and they were interested in sending students particularly to the COB which required the new separate agreement because it wasn't included in the standing agreement. They contacted UWEC in Spring 2020 stating there were new Spanish government regulations surrounding exchanges that would require us to renegotiate the entire exchange and their business faculty did not express interest in continuing and never sent anyone. Not worth the time of renegotiating and renewing this part of the agreement, will continue to send students to Valladolid, only the exchange component is being eliminated.
- Motion to approve the proposal from CIE to cancel Valladolid, Spain (INTX Exchange). Motion was seconded and approved (9-0-0).

8. Student Senate Resolution 64-R-17 (In Support of Universal Feedback and Grading Timeframe)

- SSR is based upon experiences that students had and what they expected relating to grading and communication. Have asked for a universally accepted timeframe for grades and feedback to be included in FASRP, and if not there, on syllabi.
- Last item requested was the utilization of smart phones to be allowed in conjunction with clickers/other classroom interactivity as they were trying to avoid extra devices and costs. Technology changes, not good to include in FASRP. Motion came to Senate and did not pass.
- Very little in FASRP regarding what must be on syllabi. Recommendations come from associate deans. Some faculty probably do need to be reminded that they should grade in a timely manner; should be a discussion brought forward by the chair though.
- Student evaluations provide the info for faculty members/DPC/Chairs, not needed in FASRP, should be brought to the department chair's and DPC chair's attention. Trends in evals regarding grading are already taken seriously. We are a teaching university.

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- Curious in the number of faculty who aren't responding to emails or grading? Mechanism in place for students to go to the department chair to fix this as it occurs instead of waiting.
- Many faculty don't need more stress, think this issue only involves a few, have heard from students that certain departments may have a problem.
- Pandemic has exacerbated it, may have things going on in their private lives, resolution dated December 7th, assume faculty had time over Winterim to better plan how they will handle everything.
- Last semester was a learning experience for faculty, and many didn't live up to the ideal envisioned. Think many will do better with grading and everything else this semester.
- Marquell will draft a response.

Chair Marquell Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Forcier
Secretary for the Meeting