University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire  
University Senate Academic Policies Committee  
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Tuesday, April 13, 2021  
via Microsoft Teams

Present:  
Members: Scott Clark, Rahul Gomes, Abby Hemmerich, Mary Hoffman, Marquell Johnson, Carol Koroghlanian, Bill Miller, Jamie Tester Morfoot, Dalete Mota, Kathryn Schaller, Evan Weiher  
Guests: Margaret Cassidy, Sue Fondrie, Marc Goulet, Deb Jansen, Jean Pratt, Jason Spraitz

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

Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from April 6, 2021  
   - Motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2021, as distributed. Motion was seconded and approved (9-0-0).

2. Proposal for Language Arts, Minor - Teaching Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence Suspension [930-402]

3. Proposal for General Science, Minor - Teaching Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence Suspension [120-403]

4. Proposal for Social Studies Minor - Teaching Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence Suspension [500-403]  
   - Motion to approve the proposals for the suspension of Language Arts, Minor - Teaching Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence [930-402]; General Science, Minor - Teaching Middle Childhood/ Early Adolescence [120-403]; and Social Studies Minor - Teaching Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence [500-403]. Motion was seconded and approved (9-0-0).

5. Proposal for New Minor Criminal Justice Equity and Inclusivity, Liberal Arts [XXX-XXX]  
   - Jason Spraitz was in attendance to provide information and answer questions. Attempting to limit the number of topical minors by creating a specific minor for those interested in CRMJ; will allow CRMJ to better track students enrolled in their courses; will be an attractive option for students; ARCC indicated non-CRMJ majors repeatedly express interest in CRMJ options
   - Identify and talk about the two required courses that were amended/created for the minor?  
     - CRMJ 320: Race, Crime, and Justice is new, and was proposed and created by new hire
     - CRMJ 360: Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice is amended, students could originally retake it for additional credit, because it is now required and seats are needed, can no longer be retaken for additional credit
   - How were electives determined?  
     - Prior to 2011, CRMJ was a comprehensive major with only 15 CRMJ credits and relied heavily on other departments to deliver course array, did not want to burden other departments; CRMJ used to be in Sociology and now in Political Science, Geography course used to be special topics but is now permanent, the Philosophy course is intriguing; don’t want to exclude others but starting small; plan is for natural growth
   - Available for majors outside of A&S?  
     - Yes
Will students currently in a topical minor be able to switch?
  • If they are able to and not graduating before 2022, would need to have taken similar curriculum, could offer the option to them; may be better for students if this minor was noted on transcript vs a topical

Like the title, but why inclusivity when UWEC uses inclusion?
  • Was discussed but inclusivity was preferred, unique

Do the required courses discuss the outcome of understanding legal and policy decisions thoroughly since content in electives may not go cover the topic?
  • Intro class discusses it, more in-depth in CRMJ 360

Do you anticipate a negative impact on the number of majors?
  • Have seen upward trajectory within major during past 7 years and don’t expect it to change dramatically; impact may be more noticeable with double majors

Motion to approve the proposal for a New Minor Criminal Justice Equity and Inclusivity, Liberal Arts [XXX-XXX]. Motion was seconded and approved (10-0-0).

6. Proposal from Academic Affairs and Associate Deans to Accept Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) as fulfillment of UW-Eau Claire Liberal Education Core Requirements

   In a previous meeting, APC voted to accept some of the associate’s degrees from MN technical colleges as meeting LE except for the Design for Diversity requirement. This is similar. MnTC is a collection of credits (min 40), essentially the GE/LE core, minus the elective credits needed to obtain the 60-credit associate’s degree. Would make UWEC more transfer-friendly from MN community colleges and 4-year schools in MN state colleges and university system. Some UW institutions already accept it, students will ask. Simplifies things for students once they’re on campus, know what they’ve done and what they need to do. Does not exempt students from major-specific LE courses.

   How does this compare to the agreements within WI: Universal Credit Transfer Agreement within UW System/WTCS and the UW System Guaranteed Transfer Admission?
   • Consistent with WI agreements, the agreement that applies to the associate’s degree covers everything and this one exempts the Design for Diversity requirement (WI-specific requirement). This allows 40 credits that count toward LE, but students could bring in additional courses which would have to evaluated course-by-course. Number of credits transferring in will depend on completed coursework.

   Can WI students transferring to MN take advantage?
   • Can only control those transferring to WI

   How were transfers done in past?
   • Course-by-course, if the course had equivalent it met LE

   Motion to approve the proposal from Academic Affairs and Associate Deans to Accept Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) as fulfillment of UW-Eau Claire Liberal Education Core Requirements. Motion was seconded and approved (10-0-0).

Chair Marquell Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Forcier
Secretary for the Meeting