

Curriculum Committee

Minutes

Monday, December 10, 2007

Lakeview Conference Room

Present: Ehlke, Evans, Hicks, Kenney, Oberdeck, Scheppa, Zietlow

Excused: Uden

Guests: Mary Korte, Angus Menuge

REPORTS:

Each member should have received an updated listing of course syllabi through campus mail. This listing indicates which members are responsible for which departments in determining if any of the courses listed are no longer taught.

PROGRAMS:

Philosophy Major/Minor.

Angus Menuge presented a proposal for a new Philosophy Major/Minor. The aim of this program is to prepare students to develop the implications of a Christian worldview in dialogue with major philosophical ideas. A number of individualized majors have been awarded to date and this program stems from a desire to regularize these majors. Two new courses would be required: Phil 400 and Phil 450. The additional teaching load would be handled by Dr. Menuge as he moves away from teaching courses in Computer Science. When asked about the number of students who might be interested in this program, Dr. Menuge stated the expectation that approximately 6 students per year would be enrolled in the program. After discussion by the committee the proposal was approved unanimously.

Horticulture Major.

Mary Korte presented a proposal for a new major in Horticulture. This would be a joint program where students would receive two degrees: an Associates Degree from Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Concordia University Wisconsin. Dr. Korte described the horticulture facilities at MATC as outstanding and asserted that this program would complement our Environmental Studies Program. Dr. Korte also stated the belief that this program provided an opportunity for community outreach and supported CUW's mission by caring from God's creation. After discussion by the committee the proposal was approved unanimously.

UNDERGRADUATE SYLLABI:

Two undergraduate syllabi were reviewed by the committee.

EDC 413. This syllabus for Curriculum and Methods of Mathematics was approved 5 to 1 by the committee, subject to minor revisions.

MA 100. Interpersonal Communication. Several problems were noted by the reviewer. No numbers or percentages were given on the evaluation procedures. There were issues concerning reference materials including the fact that only one resource was specified for students. It was the opinion of the committee that the syllabus was too 'wide open' to be helpful to instructors. The syllabus was returned to its author for revisions.

GRADUATE SYLLABI:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. and members made their way to the monthly faculty meeting.

Dennis Evans
Committee Secretary
January 9, 2007