**HSS Curriculum Committee (HSSCC)**

**Minutes 26 April 2016**

**Location: SO 3020**

**Minutes Taker: Christopher Pallas**

**In attendance:**

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| [x]  Katarina Gephardt (ENGL) | [x]  Christopher Randall (PSYC) | [x]  Teresa Raczek (GEOG/ANTH) |
| [x]  Kim Haimes-Korn (DWMA) | [x]  Chris Pallas (POLS/IA) –  | [x]  Ryan Ronnenberg (HIST) |
| [x]  Pauline Howes (COMM) |  | [x]  Linda Treiber (SOC/CJ), Chair |
| [x]  Chien-pin Li (Dean’s Office) | [x]  Federica Santini (FL) | [x]  Griselda Thomas (ISD) |

Also in attendance as presenters/guests: Laura McGrath (ENGL), Sergio Figueiredo (ENGL), Jeff Greene (DWMA), Pete Rorabaugh (DWMA), Genie Bohanon (DWMA), Becky Petersen (SOC/CJ), Chris Totten (SOC/CJ)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Treiber at 12:32 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting 12 April 2016 Meeting**

One edit to the minutes was proposed: Becky Petersen and Chris Totten should be added as guests. Minutes approved with this revision. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Linda Treiber noted that Tim Hedeen declined to speak at the April 26th meeting about the DWMA/ENGL working group. He stated that it was not the role of a mediator to comment on an ongoing mediation.

**Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (Second Reading)**

1. Criminal Justice B.S. (Change to Program Requirements)

2. CRJU - 3352 - Juvenile Justice (Change in Existing Course)

3. CRJU - 4499 - Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice (Change in Existing Course)

Petersen reviewed changes made to the program and courses. Motion to approve all items was made and seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Treiber noted that the proposals probably would not advance to UPCC before the end of term. Instead, UPCC will most likely consider these in the fall. SOC/CJ should monitor the process to make sure that they receive adequate notice before the proposals are reviewed. Petersen and Totten departed.

4. SOCI - 3344 - Biotechnology and Social Change (Change in Existing Course)

5. SOCI - 4434 - Emerging Social Issues in Africa (Change in Existing Course)

Treiber discussed changes to these courses. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Reminder to use Curriculog for Special Topics 4490/2290 (Dr. Li)**

Special topics guide is available via the CHSS resources page. Faculty should use Curriculog, with the guidance of this form, to propose Special Topics. Every time the course is taught, the Curriculog special topics form should be used.

**CDD and ENGL Presentations**

The committee discussed what the purpose was of reviewing the two competing proposals. The agreement of the committee was that the purpose of the vote was to determine what to communicate to UPCC via the Dean’s office: i.e., whether the committee supports the current CDD proposal or whether the committee suggests that the Dean’s office consider the ENGL proposal which (due to its content) is beyond the remit of the committee to implement.

Ronnenberg noted that the core of the UPCC referral was the question of what to do in the case of a tie vote. Treiber noted that the committee typically used Robert’s Rules, but did not have official by-laws stating this. Treiber suggested that we continue to use Robert’s Rules as we have been doing.

Motion was made and seconded for the committee to be bound by Robert’s Rules in the event of a tie vote. Motion passed 9-1.

DWMA and ENGL each took 10-15 minutes to present their respective proposals for the CDD curriculum. Their respective proposals are available as separate documents.

ENGL presented first. Following the ENGL proposal, several comments were made:

Santini noted that Foreign Languages also offers writing courses and that ENGL and FL have worked this out.

Thomas asked why ENGL felt that the discussion of this degree during consolidation was not conducive to discussion. ENGL responded that because ENGL’s input was constrained to only comment on curriculum or content of courses, not the placement of the major or the faculty, ENGL was not able to explore the full range of options. Haimes-Korn responded that DWMA felt that it had integrated ENGL input.

DWMA/CDD faculty then presented their proposal.

DWMA emphasized that they were amenable to realignment with ENGL if the content of their major was largely preserved and that the ENGL had rejected that. McGrath objected to this characterization.

Motion was made to vote on the current CDD proposal, as currently listed in Curriculog, and seconded. 4 votes in favor, 6 votes no. Motion failed.

Randall noted that the committee is required to provide feedback on the event of a negative vote. Howes articulated that COMM’s concern is with redundancy of subject content – including redundancy with COMM courses. Some overlap – two departments – might be tolerable; overlap between three departments is too much. Santini asked whether the program could be hosted by ISD as an interdisciplinary program; Gephardt said ENGL was amenable to this. Thomas stated that ISD was also concerned with redundancy. Randall expressed a concern with resources – that if faculty numbers are limited, it is important to maximize the utility of faculty across programs.

**Nominations and voting on Incoming HSSCC Chair**

No nominations were made for chair. Treiber noted that a chair would have to be elected at the first meeting of 2016-17.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:59.