

Baccalaureate Core Committee

November 25, 2019

Minutes

Voting members present: Heather Arbuckle, Kathy Becker-Blease, Daniel Faltsek, McKenzie Huber, Filix Maisch, Lori McGraw, Bob Paasch, David Roundy, Rorie Spill Solberg, Kaplan Yalcin

Voting members absent: Aidas Banaitis, Matthew Kennedy, Steven Morris

Ex-Officio members present: Faculty Affairs – Heath Henry; Ecampus – Craig Rademacher; WIC Director – Vicki Tolar Burton

Guests present: Tam Belknap

Category Proposals

- Discussion Needed
 - GEOG 103 – Cultural Diversity
 - Currently categorized as Social Processes & Institutions (SPI) – proposal is to drop SPI category and categorize it as Cultural Diversity.
 - Both campus syllabi are present and appear to be aligned.
 - The statement and outcomes are the only reference to the Baccalaureate Core (BC). There is no mention of alignment or assessment. Needs connections on both syllabi.
 - Send back for connections and assessment to be made clear on the syllabus.
 - NMC 412 – Science Technology and Society
 - The course has a number of problems and was previously removed from the (BC). They are wanting to resubmit the course for approval.
 - They removed the pre-requisite but it is still geared heavily towards Media students.
 - The instructor has refused to add the 1,250 word count for the major assignment to the syllabus and states that students should know how many words are appropriate.
 - The teacher will only deduct ten points before failing an assignment
 - The student conduct code link is wrong. The definition of the student conduct code is also incorrect.
 - Send back with notes about the required word count, the student conduct code issues and a request that the final assignment be reworked to be inclusive of students regardless of major.
 - PH 317 – WIC
 - The syllabus has some minor issues.
 - Writing Intensive Courses is used instead of Writing Intensive Curriculum.
 - There are some links that need updating.
 - The syllabus never states the needed number of outside sources.
 - Approve with minor notes.
- No Discussion Needed
 - SOC 351 – Difference, Power and Discrimination
 - The syllabus is very a very thorough 24 pages long.
 - The amount of detail between the outcomes and assessment is impressive.
 - Approved
 - PH 207 – Physical Science
 - Resubmitted after the Baccalaureate Core Committee sent it back with a request for issues to be fixed. They have been addressed.
 - Approved

USSI-SI Curricular Excellence Subcommittee Inquiry

- Director of the Baccalaureate Core
 - Heath and McKenzie are both serving on the subcommittee, with representatives from other departments.
 - The subcommittee wants to determine what curricular excellence is. How is it measure? What does it look like?

- The subcommittee also wanted to know more about the proposed Director of the BC role and what it would require.
 - Vicki Tolar Burton served as an interim director that focused primarily on implementation of changes that were made at the time.
 - Coordinating maintenance of sites and information on the BC.
 - Oversee advisor training for making decisions on transfer credits.
 - Housed under Alix Gitelman's office.
 - The position description should be clear on what the differences are between the roles of the director and the roles of the Baccalaureate Core Committee (BCC). Would the director be an ex-officio for the BCC?
 - Communication and outreach should be a part of the job.
 - Oversee development of training and development for the BC.
 - Would it be an internal search? Who is it open to?
 - The role would likely be a Professional Faculty appointment
 - What expertise is needed?
 - They need to have worked with the BC in some way (teachers, committee service, advisors familiar with the BC)
 - Will the potential overhaul of the BC alter the recommendation or roles of the Director of the BC?
 - The BCC would like to invite John Edwards and JoAnne Bunnage to a meeting to discuss what they're looking for from the committee in regards to the director role.
 - The BCC could create a broad description and then narrow it down as potential BC changes are proposed.

Workgroups

- Please send your meeting minutes to Caitlin