Minutes of the Library Science Curriculum Committee
Monday, March 28, 2011

Members present: Beth Briggs, Ruth Clark, John Harer, Karen Mathis, Patrick Valentine

Meeting agenda discussion: The meeting was convened by Harer at 1:30 p.m. Handouts:
- Agenda
- Proposed LIBS Catalog Changes – Long
- Proposed LIBS Catalog Changes – Short
- Clark email to Harer dated March 28, 2011
- List of LIBS Courses
- Reivision LS Curriculum Timeline
- Preliminary Data Peer Institutions

I. Committee members approved the agenda. Harer forgot to copy Minutes from February meeting so Minute approval will be dispensed with. Harer said the goal for curriculum is to push it along as far as possible this spring – at least to the COE Curriculum Committee for its final meeting in April. Briggs said CTE curriculum review is finished for the year. Harer said once the catalog changes are through COE Curriculum, the changes will be ready to be advanced to CTE and GCC in the fall.

II. Harer met with Dr. Mott to go over changes in the program description. The proposed catalog changes handed out are in two forms. The long form includes the prerequisite and/or co-requisite for each course. The short form includes the prerequisite and/or co-requisite for just the first two tiers of courses. Under Part 1:
   a. Clark suggested a bulleted list of tiers to make it easier to read.
   b. Mathis suggested a change in wording in the last sentence of the MLS description to read, “and either LIBS 6991 or 6992 after completion of 30 s.h.”
   c. The information Clark sent in her email to Harer on the school library pathway should replace the wording on the catalog changes document.
   d. Valentine indicated public library pathway should read “LIBS 7050, LIBS 7030, and electives (9 s.h.) selected in consultation with an advisor.”
   e. Mathis said the paragraph pertaining to school licensure should be removed from this area of the document.
   f. A discussion followed on School Media Supervisor Licensure.
      i. Clark said Elaine mentioned she wanted to shelve this. However, Clark said if the supervisor licensure was shelved, the courses need to be shelved as well – we can’t list courses for a program no longer offered.
      ii. The final decision needs to be made by Elaine.
      iii. Harer thought Elaine wasn’t clear but he got the sense she wouldn’t be adverse to shelving.
      iv. A written statement would be needed from Carol Brown stating it was OK to remove the EDTC 7010 which is cross-listed with LIBS 7010.
      v. Curriculum Committee will need to make a clear statement to remove the 078 School Media Supervisor Licensure and delete the accompanying courses which would then go to the faculty for a vote.
   g. Valentine thought 7000-level courses were already deleted but during discussion it was brought out only 8000-level courses were deleted. Harer said the current
PDF version of the catalog still lists the 8000-level courses but those should be removed with the 2011-2012 catalog.

h. Clark asked if the VR Certificate was shelved – if so, why are the VR courses still listed. Mathis explained that LS VR courses were not part of the certificate and could still be taken by students as electives. Harer said the VR courses were just approved last year so maybe leave them alone, especially if there were not part of the certificate.

i. Description for 6026 needs to read P: LIBS 6010, 6012, 6042; C: 6014, 6031, or consent of chair.

j. Standardize wording to read “consent of chair” instead of “consent of instructor”.

k. Under Part 2 Explanation and Justification, Harer will need to add 6020 under Part A.

l. Under Part 3, all courses, including 7010, will be recommended for deletion.

m. Decision made to use short form. Harer made a motion to approve with discussed changed. Briggs seconded. The motion was carried.

III. Harer said the preliminary data of peer institutions was in part to address the concerns of Ken Haycock.

   a. Valentine recommended indicating those programs with doctorates since faculty numbers may reflect doctoral programs.

IV. Discussion on revision of Library Science Curriculum Timeline

   a. Briggs said based on Haycock’s statement and Harer’s peer institution review, we may want to revisit 6012. Mention that we recognize this as an area where we want to re-investigate. Valentine said 6012 is no longer the same course Haycock saw. Briggs suggested maybe a course name change.

   b. Harer said a faculty retreat might be suggested for planning.

   c. Briggs asked what are we seeking from the faculty. If we have a retreat for planning curriculum, we may need to take some things off the table. What is proposed as a retreat-worthy discussion.

   d. Harer said we need to look at data we already have and compare curriculum. Are our courses outdated?

   e. Briggs said the Curriculum Committee needs to limit parameters.

   f. Harer said he would come up with some ideas for the Curriculum Committee to look over before sending it out to the faculty.

   g. Valentine didn’t think we were ready for a retreat.

   h. Harer said it would be best to wait until after June Lester’s call before planning anything.

   i. We need to look at and analyze data from the Willis Survey, Academic and Public Library Employment Pathway surveys, and faculty input from recent curriculum committee and department meetings.

   j. Look at data gathered from SOIS.

   k. Maybe establish a committee within the Advisory Board.

   l. Make recommendation to Elaine to invite Teresa Muse (recent graduate) to attend department meetings as a representative of alumni.

Harer adjourned the meeting at 3:30.