COMMITTEE: University Curriculum Committee (2:00 pm - 4:20 pm)

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2013

PERSONS PRESIDING: Mark Sprague and Donna Kain

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Leigh Cellucci, Lori Flint, Peter Francia, Annette Greer, Donna Kain, Amy McMillan, and Mark Richardson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Josie Bowman, Rita Reaves, Jean-Luc Scemama, and Karen Vail-Smith

EXCUSED: Katherine Swank

ABSENT: None

SUPPORT: Diane Coltraine

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Mark Sprague, Chair of the Faculty
John Given, Parliamentarian of the Faculty
Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Science, Department of Political Science,
Professors Nancy Spalding and Peter Romary

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: I. Call to Order

(1.) Minutes
The 04-11-13 and 04-25-13 UCC minutes were approved electronically and forwarded to the Faculty Senate for agenda placement.

Discussion:
The minutes 04-11-13 and 04-25-13 meetings were presented at the Sept. 10, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting.

Action Taken:
None

(2.) Announcements

Discussion:
None

Action Taken:
None

Agenda Item: II. Introductory Comments

Discussion:

Dr. John Given, Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, explained that he is speaking at the organizational meeting of all university committees to encourage the members to make their committee reports brief and to the point. He is trying to ask the Faculty Senators to read the committee reports in advance of the meetings so the meetings run more efficiently.

Dr. Sprague brought documents to elaborate the committee’s charge and responsibilities. He also reported that, if the committee determines that the responsibilities need to be revised, this could be done by submitting the requested revision to the Committee on Committees. During review of the charge, Dr. Kain noted that “certificate programs” are not included in several parts of the charges (e.g. 4.d) and that the committee should take up this issue in the future.

Action Taken:
None

Agenda Item: III. Introduction of UCC Members

Discussion:

All present introduced themselves. New members include Lori Flint from Education and Peter Francia from Political Science. It was announced that Dr. Michael Dingfelder was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the committee but was unable to attend today’s meeting. New Ex-officio members include Josie Bowman, Representative for the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences, and Rita Reaves, Representative of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Action Taken:
None
Agenda Item: IV. Election of UCC Officers

Discussion:
Mark Sprague called for nominations.

Action Taken:
Nominations were made for the office of Chair: Leigh Cellucci nominated Donna Kain. Jean-Luc Scemama moved to close the nominations; motion was seconded and approved. Donna Kain was elected unanimously as Chair.
Nominations for the office of Vice Chair: Donna Kain nominated Leigh Cellucci. Jean-Luc Scemama moved to close the nominations; motion was seconded and approved. Leigh Cellucci was elected unanimously as Vice Chair.
Nominations for the office of Secretary: Leigh Cellucci nominated Mark Richardson. Jean-Luc Scemama moved to close the nominations; motion was seconded and approved. Mark Richardson was elected unanimously as Secretary.

Agenda Item: V. Old Business

(1.) Update and summary of 5000-level courses

Discussion:
Dr. Kain summarized the recent debate that has involved 5000-level courses. For at least 12 years, there had been a moratorium on creating new 5000-level courses in an effort to separate undergraduate and graduate-level criteria more easily into 4000-level courses for undergraduates and 6000-level courses for graduates. Recently ECU policy changes allowed the creation of new 5000-level courses that could potentially enroll both undergraduate and graduate students. Instead of having one set of criteria for the entire course, the Graduate Council took action to allow for two different learning objectives (one for undergraduate students and another for graduate students) within the same 5000-level course; since effectively this creates undergraduate curriculum within the 5000-level course, the UCC objected since this would lie within the jurisdiction of the UCC committee for course approval. After attempts to work out the details on how both the GCC and UCC would approve or disapprove a new 5000-level course, the UCC committee requested clarification from the Faculty Senate on how to proceed. The Faculty Senate (under FS Resolution #13-31) stated that a 5000-level course is a graduate course and thus should not have both undergraduate and graduate course objectives. The UCC committee’s stand has been to take no action until the issue warrants action as directed by the Faculty Senate. The Chancellor has not taken action on the issue, instead sending it back to the GCC for revision.

Action Taken:
None. Dr. Kain explained the discussion is just for information to the committee; no action is required until requested by the Faculty Senate.

(2.) Business carried over cited in the 2012-2013 UCC Annual Report

(A.) Work with the office of Academic Program Planning and Development to determine the impact of ACALOG on committee information to faculty (e.g., creating marked catalog copy)

Discussion: Diane Coltrane explained how the new ACALOG system affects marked catalog copy. Because of the new ACALOG system, course listings will need to be modified but most of these will be editorial changes that can be done by her office and will not require UCC approval.

Action Taken:

None.

(B.) Implement the plan for removing 5000-level courses that are no longer in the graduate catalog from the undergraduate catalog including notifications to units.

Discussion:

Any 5000-level course deleted from the graduate catalog will be deleted from the undergraduate catalog.

We will notify the units and have Diane Coltraine delete them, as these courses are not even offered any longer.

Action Taken:

Approved.

(C.) Implement the plan approved last year for encouraging units to delete banked courses.

Discussion: Dr. Kain suggested that units consider deleting courses that have been banked for a long time.

Action Taken:

Continue to communicate with units and their liaisons when they come before the committee regarding this item.

(D.) Implement the plan approved last year for requesting units to delete or bank courses that have not been taught in over ten years.
Discussion: Dr. Kain introduced why this might be a problem to have courses in the catalog that have not been taught in over ten years. It might be a problem because it presents courses that students might expect to be taught.

Last year we approved action to send all unit administrators the list and ask them if they want to delete or bank them.

Action Taken:

Continue to communicate with units and their liaisons when they come before the committee regarding this item.

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Agenda Item: VI. Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Science, Department of Political Science (Nancy Spalding and Peter Romary)

(1.) Proposal of New Course: POLS 4125

Discussion:

Dr. Spalding discussed the justification and course objectives, while Dr. Romary discussed the course content and assessment. Dr. Francia noted that the grading scale for D- needs to be adjusted to 60-62, and Professors Spalding and Romary agreed. Dr. Reaves suggested that the course objectives need to be in agreement with the title of the course and the topical course outline. While the course title is “Comparative Constitutional Law,” the course objectives and course topics do not suggest that US, UK, and European Union Law are going to compared with one another—only discussed. Dr. Spalding agreed and suggested that a new objective be listed before the others that stated that a comparison of concepts in the U.S. and European Union legal systems will be compared in the following ways (with the stated objectives to follow). Dr. Reaves also suggested that the justification for the course clearly state what kind of assessment (such as ETS standardized tests done by the Department) prompted the course to be created. Professor Spalding agree to clarify that detail in the justification.

Action Taken:

Dr. Scemama moved that the proposal be approved as amended. Dr. Greer seconded.
Motion passed.

(2.) Proposal of New Course: POLS 4175

Discussion:

Dr. Spalding discussed the justification and course objectives, while Dr. Romary discussed the course content and assessment. Dr. Kain asked if the Criminal Justice department had
been notified about this new course, and Dr. Romary explained that there was no similar course in the Criminal Justice department or other department at ECU. Dr. Kain stated that a memo should still be sent to the Criminal Justice department to notify them of this new course and a copy of that memo be included within the materials sent to the UCC; Dr. Spalding and Dr. Romary agreed. Dr. Kain asked if the combined exam grade (both midterm and final) could be divided to show the percentage weight of the midterm and final; Dr. Romary agreed, explaining that the midterm is 35% and the final is 40% of the course grade. Dr. Francia noted that the grading scale for D- needs to be adjusted to 60-62, and Professors Spalding and Romary agreed.

Action Taken:

Dr. Schemama moved that the proposal be approved as amended. Dr. Greer seconded. Motion passed.

Agenda Item: VII. Honors College (Kevin Baxter)

Discussion:

Item removed from agenda as completed package was not submitted by the deadline.

Action Taken:

None

Agenda Item: VIII. New Business

(1.) 09-19-13 UCC Liaison Orientation

Discussion:

Dr. Kain announced that this will be held next Thursday (9/19), and she encourages all UCC committee members and ex-officio members to attend to help answer questions from the faculty liaisons.

Action Taken:

None

(2.) 09-27-13 Curriculum Development Workshop: Connections for Success

Discussion:

Dr. Kain announced that this will be held on Friday, 9/27.

Action Taken:
None

(3.) Elimination of UCC SharePoint Site

**Discussion:** Dr. Kain explained that Kimberly Nicholson was required to maintain postings of UCC items on both the UCC website and the SharePoint website. Since the SharePoint website is not being used for this committee, Dr. Kain asks that the committee discuss eliminating the UCC postings on SharePoint.

**Action Taken:**

Dr. Cellucci moved that the UCC eliminate the UCC SharePoint website. Dr. McMillan seconded. Motion passed.

(4.) Changes to the location of UCC meetings

**Discussion:** Dr. Kain said that the current location of the regular UCC meetings in B-104 Brewster is regularly available, though it is often cumbersome for members coming from different parts of campus due to parking restrictions. She has talked to Lori Lee, Administrative Assistant to the Faculty Senate, who is able to provide help in getting A Permit parking passes for committee members who need one.

Curricular Actions Reviewed at This Meeting:
New Courses: 2
Revised/Renumbered/Unbanked Courses (includes title/prereq./prefix): 0
New Degrees/Programs: 0
New Minors: 0
New Concentrations: 0
New Certificates: 0
Revised Existing Degrees/Concentrations/Departmental Text: 0
Deletion of Existing Degrees/Concentrations: 0
Revised Minors/Certificates: 0
Deletion of Existing Minors/Certificates: 0
Banked Courses: 0
Deletion of Existing /Banked Courses: 0

Curricular Actions Reviewed to Date (to include this meeting):
New Courses: 2
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Deletion of Existing Degrees/Concentrations: 0
Revised Minors/Certificates: 0
Deletion of Existing Minors/Certificates: 0
Banked Courses: 0
Deletion of Existing /Banked Courses: 0

NEXT MEETING: September 26, 2013, on West Campus, College of Nursing room 4175

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: There is a submission from the School of Nursing

ADJOURNMENT: Dr. Kain moved to adjourn at 4:20 pm. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by

Mark D. Richardson
Secretary of the UCC
Political Science, BS

1. Foundations curriculum - 42 s.h.

(For information about courses that carry foundations curriculum credit see Liberal Arts Foundations Curriculum.)

2. Core: - 51 s.h.

Specific required courses and elective courses in each of the following categories, with a minimum of 27 s.h. above 2999. (Courses may count for only one category. No course counted for the major may count for the minor. 15 s.h. are free POLS electives. A maximum of 6 s.h. from POLS 4501, POLS 4502, POLS 4521, POLS 4522, POLS 4981, POLS 4982, POLS 4991, POLS 4992 may count toward any degree program offered by the political science department.)

American Government and Politics - 9 s.h.:

- POLS 1010 - National Government
- POLS 3240 - State and Local Government

Choose 3 s.h. from:

- POLS 3033 - Voting Behavior and Public Opinion
- POLS 3035 - American Political Parties and Politics
- POLS 3037 - Campaigns and Elections
- POLS 3039 - Black Politics in America
- POLS 3040 - Women in Politics
- POLS 3045 - Humor and American Politics
- POLS 3090 - Religion and American Politics
- POLS 3202 - The American Legislature
- POLS 3203 - The American Executive
• POLS 3204 - The American Judiciary
• POLS 3223 - Constitutional Powers
• POLS 3224 - Civil Liberties
• POLS 3241 - Urban Political Systems
• POLS 3243 - Comparative State Politics
• POLS 3244 - North Carolina Politics
• **POLS 4125 – Comparative Constitutional Law**
• POLS 4321 - Contemporary Southern Politics
• POLS 5000 - American Government and Politics

**Comparative Government and International Politics - 9 s.h.:**

• POLS 2010 - Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics
• POLS 2020 - Introduction to International Relations

**Choose 3 s.h. from:**

• POLS 3140 - Politics of Globalization
• POLS 3144 - American Foreign Policy
• POLS 3155 - National Security Policy
• POLS 3232 - The European Union
• POLS 3234 - West European Political Systems
• POLS 3235 - East European Political Systems
• POLS 3236 - Russian Politics
• POLS 3260 - Middle Eastern Political Systems
• POLS 3265 - African Political Systems
• POLS 3270 - Latin-American Political Systems
• POLS 3280 - South Asian Political Systems
• POLS 3282 - East Asian Political Systems
• POLS 3290 - Conflict and Peace in the Post-Cold War Era
• POLS 3291 - Politics of Genocide in the Twentieth Century
• POLS 3293 - International Organizations
• POLS 3295 - International Law
• POLS 3297 - International Political Economy
• POLS 4000 - Political Leadership
• POLS 4107 - Topics in Comparative Politics
• POLS 4360 - Politics of Developing Areas
• POLS 4380 - Topics in International Politics
• POLS 4382 - Politics of Terrorism
• POLS 4383 - War in the Modern Age
• POLS 4384 - Inter-American Relations
Political Theory, Methods, and Skills - 9 s.h.:

- POLS 3031 - Research Design for Political Science
- POLS 3032 - Statistical Methods for Political Science

Choose 3 s.h. from:

- POLS 2070 - Introduction to Political Theory
- POLS 3042 - American Politics Through Music
- POLS 3050 - Theory and Politics of Social and Protest Movements in the United States

Public Administration and Public Policy - 6 s.h.:

Choose 3 s.h. from:

- POLS 3252 - Public Administration
- POLS 3255 - Domestic Public Policy

Choose 3 s.h. from:

- POLS 3041 - Women and Public Policy
- POLS 3242 - Municipal Policy and Administration
- POLS 3252 - Public Administration
- POLS 3253 - Government Fiscal Administration
- POLS 3255 - Domestic Public Policy
- POLS 3256 - Environmental Politics
- POLS 3257 - International Environmental Policy
- POLS 4310 - Public Policy and the Media

Electives in Political Science - 18 s.h.

Choose 18 s.h. from any of the fields above and from the following:
- POLS 1050 - Politics and Global Understanding
- POLS 3011 - Political Issues
- POLS 3012 - Politics Through Film
- POLS 3013 - Decision Making In the United Nations
- POLS 3080 - Security and Weapons of Mass Destruction
- **POLS 4175 – Legal Negotiation and Analysis**

**Independent Study, Directed Readings, Internships, and Honors:**

Choose a maximum of 6 s.h. from one of the following course groups:

- POLS 4501 - Independent Study in Political Science
- POLS 4502 - Independent Study in Political Science
- POLS 4521 - Directed Readings in Political Science
- POLS 4522 - Directed Readings in Political Science
- POLS 4981 - Internship in Practical Politics
- POLS 4982 - Internship in Practical Politics
- POLS 4991 - Internship in Public Administration
- POLS 4992 - Internship in Public Administration (only 3 hours of internships will count toward degree; see dept. chair for possible waiver to 6 hours)

Or choose a maximum of 6 s.h. of honors from:

- POLS 4551 - Honors (Open to POLS majors who have been invited to participate in the Honors Program)
- POLS 4552 - Honors (Open only to POLS majors who have a minimum grade of B in POLS 4551)

**3. Cognates - 3 s.h.**

(Choose from the following.)

- ENGL 3810 - Advanced Composition or
- ENGL 3880 - Writing for Business and Industry

**4. Minor - 24 s.h.**
POLS: Political Science

POLS 4125 – Comparative Constitutional Law
3
Examination of constitutional law and relevant US and European legal and political institutions.

POLS 4175 – Legal Negotiation and Analysis
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Examination of intelligence analysis, deception detection, and negotiation.