Westfield State University

Curriculum Committee Minutes for Thursday, February 20, 2014

Members in Attendance: Brian Jennings, Joe Camilleri, Christine Irigo, Steven Mailoux, Aaron O. Reyes, Andrew Bonacci, John Ohotnicky, Carsten Braun, Tarin Weiss, Liam Harte, Sinuk Kang, Tom Raiffensperger, Heather Brown, Jennifer DiGrazia, Emily Todd, Heidi Bohler, Megan Kennedy, Susanne Chuku

Guest(s): Kate Stanne, Holly Noun

(3:50) Meeting is brought to order. Liam Harte asks if anyone has any corrections to the minutes from 2/6/2014. Silence in the room. Brian Jennings (secretary extraordinaire) informs the committee that some intentional errors were written into the minutes to keep everyone on their toes. Aaron Reyes claims that he recalls that some “me” should really be “be”, which, ironically, is the same correction he had to the minutes we approved last time, he’s on the lookout for me’s that should be be’s. A motion to approve the minutes, with no specific changes, is made and seconded. The motion is approved with a vote of FOR 11, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 5.

(3:51) CC welcomes guests Kate Stanne and Holly Noun from the Department of Movement Science.

(3:52) Liam Harte asks for an Ad-hoc Committee report from Joe Camilleri, Joe admits he lied to the CC last time we met, and that there is no substantial update this for this week, he promises we will get one next time.

(3:53) A dream of Liam’s come true as he gets to yell “ORDER”, though he does not have a gavel to bang.

(3:54) Liam updates CC about an e-mail he received from the chair of the Special Committee for University Planning (SCUP). He has been invited to a SCUP conference (several giggles from the peanut gallery), he will share the agenda of the conference and ask CC members to look at it and decide if they have questions or concerns.

(3:55) CC takes up CAR 13-17. Liam shows us a pdf version with the latest updates to the original CAR. Kate Stanne explains that further updates have been made to 13-17R. Carsten Braun notes that this is 13-17RR, after which several members start speaking like pirates. Liam begins changing the electronic (WORD) version of the original CAR to make sure that the previous course title and credit hours are correct. CC looks over the updated CAR; changes to the bulletin text are suggest, namely to add “Analysis of” to the course title. A motion to approve as amended is made and seconded. The motion passes with a vote of FOR 17, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 0.

(4:04) CC takes up CAR 13-18 or 13-18R or 13-18RR, it isn’t clear. Kate Stanne explains that the credit hour request should be 3, not 2 as noted. Another modification is that is that there should be a corequisite of MOV 26X (from CAR 13-19).

(4:06) Liam has CC table CAR 13-18 until it considers CAR 13-19, which is references in 13-18.

(4:06+) CC takes up CAR 13-19RR. Aaron Reyes notes “Analysis of” needs to be added to the title in the bulletin description. CC considers the rest of the bulletin text (we’re unfocused today, Liam needs a gavel, or a lifeguard whistle, or something), no additional problems are noted. A motion to approve as amended is made and seconded (in spades). The motion is approved by a vote of FOR 17, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 0.

(4:11) CC takes up CAR 13-18RR…again. Liam makes sure we are actually looking at it, we’re still quite unfocused. Andrew Bonacci asks about the credits in the physical education concentration. Kate Stanne answers that the total number is 42 credits. Emily Todd asks for clarification about the number of credits as it relates to the 120 credit threshold. Kate answers that there are 110 credits in the major and the university core combined. Liam settles down a rowdy pair of geographers. Tarin Weiss notes a typo in the first sentence of the bulletin text, namely to remove the “the” before the PreK-12 educators. Emily Todd asks about the second sentence, then everyone starts saying “theory of, theory of” constantly. But, after beating the sentence senseless the committee decides to leave it
unchanged. Jennifer DiGrazia asks how the pedagogical content is introduced. Kate Stanne answers that it is in the theory component of the course. A motion to approve, as amended, is made and seconded. The motion is approved by a vote of FOR 17, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 0.

(4:24) CC takes up CAR 13-11R. Kate Stanne notes that changes have been made, and passes out an updated version, making this CAR 13-11RR. Liam asks for clarification of MOVP 305, and Kate Stanne answers to his satisfaction. Aaron Reyes asks if the title of MOVP 311 is updated, and Kate Stanne answers that it is. Heidi Bohler asks us to update the titles of MOVP 262/26X with “Analysis of” in the titles. John Ohotnicky asks for a sidebar (are we in court, counselor?), then he lets us know that a CAR coming down the Pike satisfies his issue. Heidi Bohler updates the CAR we have on the committee portal to the handouts given, under the requirements for students prior to their practicum we have that to number (6) fitnessgram should be FITNESSGRAM, to number (8) it should read “Students must keep a monthly fitness log using a logging system approved by the Physical Education Program Coordinator”. Steven Mailloux brings up that the wording in the first sentence in the bulletin language is off, many agree and the committee comes to agree on the language “The Westfield State University program for Physical Education teacher licensure…” (where …denotes no changes to remaining text.) Kate Stanne notes that we should replace the reference to NCATE with the updated title and acronym for that body. As Liam googles around to find the new name, John Ohotnicky asks about any issues related to changing it across the bulletin. Andy Bonacci notes that the name of the organization is being replaced. Aaron Reyes asks for clarification on the 12 credits for the Practicum semesters. Kate Stanne addressed his question. Steven Mailloux asks why the 12 credits of practicum is split into two 6 hour practicums. Kate Stanne explains that it allows for the flexibility for current students and for Post-Bac in-service teachers. Susanne Chuku asks why the language for the bulletin text has quotes around national recognition, since including quotes seems to subvert the concept that the program has received national recognition, CC agrees the language should just be “recognition”, but with not quotes. Aaron Reyes asks about the practicum seminar MOVP 355 as it relates to the practicums. John Ohotnicky explains that further CARs will eliminate the issue behind Aaron’s question. Christine Irujo suggests the asterisks on the second and third tables of classes are moved. For the second table the line “Choice of one of the following 1 credit courses:” is changes to “Choice of one of the following.” Then MOVP 305 is added to the list, and the subtext of the table is removed. For the third table the line “Choice of one of the following 1 credit courses:” is changes to “Choice of one of the following.”, and then MOVP 312 is added to the list and the subtext of the table is eliminated. Also “…another 3-credit…” is changed to “…any 3-credit…” in the second sentence. Tarin Weiss brings up that while “Ski Touring and Canoeing” might be a really fun course (involving very large skis or extremely fast paddeling) it should actually say “Ski Touring and Snowshoeing”. A motion to approve the CAR with copious amounts of amendments is made and seconded. The motion is approved by a vote of FOR 15, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 0.

(4:56) Driven on by buggy whip (it is Westfield) of our chair, CC takes up CAR 13-16RR. Steven Mailloux notes that Robert’s Rules of order do not allow us to recall an approved item from a previously adjourned meeting. John Ohotnicky, with a sneaky smile on his face, notes that since the CAR for 13-11RR (which was just approved) has the change that is being requested in a revisit of CAR 13-16, it’s all taken care of.

(5:00) Meeting adjourns.

And Here it is, your moment of zen (inspired by the fact that my wife and I are expecting in 4 weeks):
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qf-N3F1FhW4