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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
Undergraduate Council Meeting
Monday, October 15, 2007, 10:00AM Davis 100

Present: Jennifer Baker, Grover Kearns, Seth McKee, Kim Stoddard, Ella Schmidt, Bob Thompson, Bonnie Braun, Mike Lockett, and Marcy Carrel (Librarian sitting in for Tina Neville)
Absent: Tina Neville
Visitor: Joani Spadaro

Approval of the minutes

The minutes from the October 5, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

Concern with Alteration to Institutional Residency Document

Bob Thompson brought it to the Council's attention that the Institutional Residency document (IRD) approved at the previous meeting has since been changed. As Jennifer Baker explained, USF Tampa has challenged parts of the document. For instance, Tampa is interested in applying a minimum GPA requirement with respect to courses that would be accepted as transfer credit between USF campuses. Presently, USFSP has not agreed to this change. Given the fact that the IRD was altered without informing the Council, several members voiced concerns over this. Jennifer Baker suggested that Grover Kearns consult with the Vice Chancellor to be certain what exactly transpired resulting in the changes to the Council's approved version of the IRD.

Pre-requisite Change

Grover discussed the changes for an Information Systems Management (ISM) course. ISM 3011 was proposed to be changed from a pre-requisite for ISM 3113 to a co-requisite. The motion to approve this change was unanimous subject to Tampa's acceptance. The document is online for viewing.

New Program Proposal

Dr. Joani Spadaro, Associate Professor of Graphic Design was present to answer questions regarding the new degree program proposal for a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design. Joani explained that it was necessary to have this degree program to align it with the many existing programs in the state university system. Jennifer Baker pointed out that the program for a BS in Graphic Design had already been approved by USF Tampa. Grover asked if it was necessary to hire new professors. Joani replied that presently the program would need to hire an art historian. Bonnie Braun asked what was the total number of faculty, and Grover asked how many students are in the program? Joani responded that there were 4 faculty members and there were approximately 40 students. Several other questions regarding funding/resources, absence of a math requirement for entering students, and issues with ADA compliance (at the Salt Creek location) were asked. Finally, Grover offered a motion to approve the new program and it was approved unanimously.

New Courses Needed for Curriculum Proposal

Kim Stoddard offered a motion to approve as a batch, the following newly proposed courses: ART 2190C, ART 2202C, ART 2305, ART 2621C, ART 4925, GRA 3138C, and PGY 2141C. The motion to approve all of the aforementioned new courses was unanimous.

New Course(s)

The last item of business concerned the proposed addition of two new history courses: EUH 2000 Western Civilization I, and EUH 2001 Western Civilization II. All committee members agreed that these courses would be a welcome addition to the curriculum. These courses would be new USFSP offerings that currently aren't taught at any USF campuses. However, the committee had concerns with point 4. Justification part A. Part A states that the courses will fulfill a portion "of the Historical Perspectives in the Liberal Arts General Education requirements." Courses that will meet the new gen ed requirements are being reviewed by committee in Tampa throughout this

term. We do not know if these two courses will be approved in Tampa (which USFSP could then mirror) or even if you plan to submit them to the General Education Committee on this campus. However, this is not something the Undergraduate Council can approve and the statement should be removed. Also in Part A, there is indication that the courses will fulfill a portion of the history major. The committee needs further clarification if this is something that would require a change to the History program (and if so, include the program change in your request) or if these would be permissible electives and therefore require no program change.

It was agreed by the Council that the proposed courses should be tabled and resubmitted with the proper documentation (i.e., the Undergraduate Curriculum Request Form) to be approved by the Council as general education requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Next meeting
(third Monday of the month) at 10:00 am in BAY 220:
November 19, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
Seth C. McKee
Undergraduate Council Member