Educational Policies Committee
Minutes of January 24, 2013 - Approved


1. Approval of minutes

A motion was made by T. Haley and seconded by G. Tessmer to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2013 meeting. Approved by all.

2. Old Business

None

New Business

- Course Change Proposal – EDUC 1378 (name and course description changes)

This proposal sought approval of name and course description change of the current EDUC 1378 course. The rationale indicated that these changes would more accurately reflect current practices in the education field and how the course is designed to meet PDE Competencies. J. Baldwin indicated the changes were significant enough to require a new course request. Also, several committee members asked to see a syllabus from both before and after the change to determine if the new course syllabus justified the requested changes.

Motion to approve ___ or table _ X__ made by _M. Frank________ Seconded by ___G. Tessmer___ Approved by all.

- Course Change Proposal – EDUC 0203 (adding co-requisite requirement)

This proposal requested that EDUC 0210 Education Practicum I be a co or prerequisite for EDUC 0203 Family and Community Relationships. The rational indicated that there were assignments in the EDUC 0210 course that required student have knowledge of material learned in EDUC 0210.

Motion to approve__ X_ or table _ __ made by _T. Haley________ Seconded by ___M. Frank___ Approved by all.

- New Course Proposal – AFRCNA 02XX: Modern Black Theatre with ARTS G.E.

This proposal requested the addition of a course AFRCNA 02XX Modern Black Theatre with G.E. Arts status. The discussion among the committee focused on why this course would be listed as AFRCNA instead of a THEAT course. J. Baldwin explained that the reasoning was based on the perspective that the focus would be on the Black artist rather than the theatre component.

Motion to approve__ X_ or table _ __ made by _M. Frank________ Seconded by ___G. Tessmer___ Approved by all. The new course number will be AFRCNA 0210.

- Course Change Proposals – NUR 0111, NUR 0112, NUR 0211, and NUR 0212

These requests were handled as a package. This proposal requested the addition of a 0 credit non-graded clinical course to each of the four existing courses. In the current structure, the clinical
component is a pass/fail attached to the course. It needs to be separated to facilitate the newly implemented student evaluation system (SET). A precedent for this structure exists at Pitt-Oakland.

- Motion to approve X or table ___ made by M. Frank Seconded by K. Leck Approved by all.

3. Matters Arising

A discussion was held about a type of statement that might be included in syllabi concerning student acknowledgment of reading and understanding the syllabus.

With no further business, J. Slimick moved to adjourn G. Tessmer seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

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EPC Secretary