Educational Policies Committee  
Minutes of November 13, 2014


1. Approval of minutes

Approval of the minutes from the October 9th meeting occurred electronically.

2. Old Business

None

3. New Business

● Major Change Proposals – Environmental Studies

These changes were requested for three reasons: 1) to become more integrated with the Energy Sciences and Technology program; 2) according to the SLO assessment, more field/lab experiences were needed, and 3) to better match courses with faculty expertise. Changes included the elimination of ES 0106 (Environmental Geology) and ES 0107 (Environmental Geology Lab), an option of either BIOL 0118 (Ecology and Environmental Biology) or BIOL 0217 (Principles of Ecology and Evolution), and an option of either PS 1367 (Environmental Politics) or PS 1385 (Global Environmental Politics). The overall change in credit hours of the major shifted from 54 to 55-58 depending on lab courses.

Motion to approve ___ X or table ___ made by ___ G. Tessmer ___ Seconded by ___ M. Frank ___

Approved by all

● Course Change Proposals: HPRED 0101 and 1451

These name and course description changes requests are in response to the modifications to the Sports Medicine program that occurred last spring. Since these courses now serve Athletic Training students only, the course name and descriptions changes reflect the specifics of the major that requires them.

Motion to approve ___ X or table ___ made by ___ M. Frank ___ Seconded by ___ D. Dombek ___

Approved by all

● GE Classification: ENG 0203

This request was to add the classification of GE Global Competency to the already existing GE literature status of ENG 0203 (British Literature Before 1800). A discussion of what constitutes “global competency” ensued resulting in recognition that this course meets those requirements.

Motion to approve ___ X or table ___ made by ___ K. Leck ___ Seconded by ___ G. Tessmer ___

Approved by all
Course Change Proposals – ENGR 11 and ENGR 12

These requested changes in names and numbers for these two courses are requested because Oakland made significant changes to ENGR 11 (Introduction to Engineering Analysis I) and ENGR 12 (Introduction to Engineering Comp) and has created ENGR 0015 (Engineering Analysis I) and ENGR 0016 (Engineering Analysis II) for course without new content to be offered by regional campuses

Motion to approve ___X___ or table ___ made by ___G. Tessmer_______ Seconded by ___M. Frank____

Approved by all

Major Change Proposals – Biology

This proposal was to revise BIOL 1451 (Biology Capstone) course from 3 to 4 credit hours and will include an oral presentation within the capstone. Students will complete the capstone in two semesters, typically taking 2 credits in the fall and 2 credits in the spring. In addition, the proposal requested the elimination of the one credit BIOL 1453 (Senior Seminar) course. Thus, the overall credit hours of the major were not affected.

Motion to approve ___X___ or table ___ made by ____K. Leck____ Seconded by ____G. Tessmer____

Approved by all

3. Matters Arising

With no further business, M. Frank moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Dombek for Tammy Haley
EPC Secretary