MINUTES OF THE
UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
September 30, 2014


Alternates Present: A. Phukan

Guests Present: M. Mayer, N. Moayedi, K. Moran, A. Stoll

Debbie Tahmassebi brought the meeting to order at 12:15

• Approval of minutes from May 13, 2014. There was discussion requesting more detailed minutes. With the inclusion of an attachment (C. Adler memo), the minutes were approved. The minutes (and attachment) have been forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Academic Assembly.
  Motion to approve: A. Orona/C. Adler – 16/0/2

Announcements:

• Noelle Norton – An article from The Chronicle of Higher Education titled “End the Protectionist Policies in the Liberal Arts” was handed out and briefly discussed.

• Debbie Tahmassebi – Committee members were reminded of updated procedures regarding the agenda and proposal materials. A brief discussion followed where it was decided that the Course Proposal Action Sheet will be modified to more clearly articulate when Department Action Form needs to be completed (revised form attached).

New Business - Expedited Actions
1. Music 499 proposal – unit change: revising existing course from 1 unit to variable 1-3 units. No objections – approved.

New Business - Non-Expedited Actions
1. Revised core proposal/Core Governance: Discussion centered on the Explorations - Scientific Inquiry and the proposed change to a 4-unit science inquiry requirement as compared to the current requirement of 1 natural science and 1 physical science course (1 with lab). Among other issues, considerations for student scientific literacy, the value of compromise, a focus on student learning outcomes and the potential for impactful course re-design were addressed.
   a. Motion to recommend a revision to the proposed Explorations - Scientific Inquiry requirement to 2 science courses with at least one being a lab (one in natural and one in physical science). Because of time and a desire to get department-level feedback, the motion was postponed until the next meeting.

Extra meeting to continue discussion regarding the new core and core governance scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 12:15-1:15pm in KIPJ-Boardroom.

Adjourned