

University Requirements Curriculum Committee
Minutes September 12, 2014

Present: J. Arhar, R. Duncan, M. Ellis, P. Evans, M. Fisch, F. Haldar, M. Haley, L. Hanson T. Kandakai, C. McVay, T. Motter, D. Palmer, E. Pringle, C. Stillings, C. Uher, J. VanGeest, W. Willoughby

Not Present: K. Burhanna, N. Cain-Bish, J. Ciesla, M. Crisler, B. Datta, J. Graham, J. Jarzembak, T. Laux, J. Marino, I. R. Netley, E. Robison, E. Sinclair-Colando, R. Walker, D. Warren

Meeting called to order at 2:32 pm by D. Palmer

Sign-in sheet circulated

Minutes from May 9, 2014 meeting approved

Election of URCC Co-Chair:

D. Palmer explained the duties of the Co-chair and asked for nominations. R. Duncan was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Curricular Proposals:

College of Arts and Sciences: The Associate Provost met with the Dean of the College of the Arts and indicated there was a lack of a clear pathway to complete various majors as it relates to the ELR requirement. The Office of Experiential Learning and Civic Engagement completed a list of 50 courses that appear to fit the requirement. The most challenged department is Biological Sciences; there are some aspects built into gateway courses but there is more discussion to provide EL opportunities for students. Modern & Classical Languages has 12 different majors and this presents a different set of queries. M. Haley presented the set of courses as a group requesting ELR status. Motion by Duncan, seconded by Evans.

Motion carried

College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability, and Technology: Requesting Kent Core status for TECH 27210 Introduction to Sustainability. There are still issues of suspected encroachment with various Colleges. Need to go back to resolve the issues with topics and language from other stakeholders and resubmit the proposal. Item tabled.

D. Palmer requested that College Curriculum Committees discuss the results of the Kent Course assessments so that they can bring these to the URCC early in the spring semester. Following discussion, the chair will develop a progress report to send to Dr. Fashaad Crawford, Assistant Provost for Accreditation, Assessment, and Learning.

Policy Updates:

ELR – T. Kandakai

Requesting automatic ELR status for OIA 10095 and NSE 10095. Motion by Kandakai, seconded by Haley. Motion carried.

There appears to be a barrier for students when it comes to getting approval for ELR non-course activities from across campus. A discussion was held to give the Dean of Undergraduate Studies authorization to approve applications made by students for this activity. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Haley. Motion carried.

There was also discussion about faculty approval for ELR non-course activities. The conversation raised issues regarding load and faculty responsibilities. It was determined that chairs/directors need to be a part of the process. T. Kandakai will work on language and bring a proposal to an upcoming meeting.

Requesting automatic ELR status for Study Abroad activities that are sanctioned by the University. Motion by Duncan, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday October 10, 2014 at 2:30 pm.

There being no other business before the committee, meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.