

CURRICULUM ADVISORY BOARD

November 20, 2009

1:30 pm

CPC B309

Meeting Minutes

Voting Members Present

Matt Coulter – Chair, Donna Cain, Glen Grimes, Susan Moss, Tom Ottinger, Kelly Putnam, Linda Sears, Donald Weasenforth

Non-Voting Members Present

Bill Blitt – Deans' Liaison, Kathleen Fenton, Karen Murph, Vickie Stone

Voting Members Absent

Christine DeLaTorre

Matt Coulter called the meeting to order.

Discussion

- ◆ CAB and the Core Curriculum – Kathleen Fenton explained SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) requirements and recommended that the characteristics of the current core courses be reviewed. She also noted that a THECB (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board) subcommittee is looking at a possible change in the core defined profile characteristics.
 - * Bill Blitt gave the background of the previous GEO (General Education Outcomes) Forum.
 - * Criteria considerations:
 - Identification of an institution-level rationale with a concomitant definition of the core profile derived directly from that coherent rationale that aligns with Collin's mission
 - Importance of keeping holistic view of core and using "Coherent rationale" for each component area
 - "Nature" of our student body
 - Transferability
 - Students' transfer needs
 - * It was suggested for CAB members, either as small groups or individually, to examine the current core courses. Matt Coulter and Kathleen Fenton would develop a checklist or set of questions to be used which reflect the institutional rationale and aligned core profile. This would possibly be a Spring 2010 project.
 - * The subcommittee hopes to have a draft of the institutional rationale ready to present at the December 4 CAB meeting.
- ◆ Dual Credit – Matt Coulter distributed a draft proposal for a CAB Dual Credit recommendation to be discussed at the December 4 meeting.

Deans' Liaison Report – All recommendations have been signed; Leadership Team will receive a Core and Dual Credit discussion update.

Curricular Items

Communications and Humanities

- ◆ Philosophy
 - * Course Revisions – Recommended
 - PHIL 1316, PHIL 1317
 - * Core Curriculum Additions – Not Recommended – No full-time Philosophy faculty members supported the addition of PHIL 1316 and PHIL 1317 to the Core Curriculum; also Dean Marianne Layer did not support the proposal, although she had initially signed the proposal. There was no one in attendance who supported the proposal, including the other two Communications and Humanities deans.

Fine Arts

- ◆ Arts
 - * Course Revisions – Recommended
 - ARTS 2323, ARTS 2324, ARTS 2326, ARTS 2333, ARTS 2341
- ◆ Photography
 - * Course Additions – Recommended
 - ARTS 2337, PHTC 2343
 - * Course Revision – ARTS 2336 – Recommended

Health Sciences and Emergency Services

- ◆ Nursing
 - * Program Addition – AAS Nursing Bridge for LVN / Paramedic Specialization – Recommended

Mathematics and Natural Sciences

- ◆ Physics
 - * Course Addition – PHYS 1417 – Recommended

Meeting Minutes – August 20, September 25, October 9, October 30 – Approved

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.