Education Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 17, 2020

Members Present: Lindsey Darvin, Laura Dunbar, Eric Edlund, Margaret Gichuru, Regina Grantham, Thomas Hanford,Maaike Oldemans, Abby Thomas, Carol VanDerKarr, Jeffrey Walkuski, Chris Widdall

Members Absent: Allyson Hasbrouck

Guests:N/A

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| **Topic** | **Comments/Discussion** | **Action** |
| **Approval of Minutes** | Approved minutes from Mach 21, 2020 Meeting |  |
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| **Old Business***Majors, Minors and Concentrations* | * Changes made to the Concentrations and Minors proposal in blue by Faculty Senate were accepted by the group.
* Some changes made to language for consistency and grammar.
* Clarified reason for striking “approved program of study” language since all curriculum actions are approved by curriculum committees.
* Unlimited ‘number of concentration credits’ language reserved for the minor area versus concentrations.
* Similar language was removed where the document describes embedded concentrations.
* Discussion about credit hours (formerly 30 credits presumed) and the need to indicate “12 distinct hours” independent of the major. The committee determined that the language could be removed, since it was a matter for curricular design and guidelines and was not needed for the catalog.
* Optional and required concentrations will remain in the document to clarify that some majors may not require a concentration as part of the major. Inserted “a concentration may be required or optional within a major.”
* Discussion around whether departments could have the latitude to determine if a student can pursue a minor in the same area. Same area may be unclear, since minors can enhance the core major program in some cases. Chris indicated we would strike the language and continue to receive feedback during vetting.
 | Continue discussion on May 1. |
| **Adjourned** | Meeting adjourned at 10:03am |  |
|  | Respectfully submitted by Thom Hanford |  |