
Members absent: Debbie Browning, Matt Ford, Traci Freeman, Rudy Garns, Nancy Lang, Ron Shaw, Rachele Vogelpohl, Wendy Wood.

Liaisons and Visitors present: Allen Cole (Registrar), Connie Kiskaden (VPUAA), Brett Mueller (Catalog), Abdou Ndoye (VPUAA), Bethany Smith (Catalog).

1. Approval of minutes from 12/7/17

2. Chair report – all UCC meetings this semester will be held in GH 144.

   The curriculum manual is posted; if you want a copy, then let Richard Fox (UCC chair) know. The manual includes by-laws and other such information about curriculum. It is available for SACS.

   February is the deadline for proposing new programs for inclusion in the fall catalog.

   March is the deadline for everything else for fall (e.g., new course proposals).

   The Nutrition program has items on Grad Council agenda for next month.

   The DNP program asked to drop the word “weekly” from course descriptions; there were no objections from UCC

3. Curricular items – see the proposals below as well as the items from the 1/11/18 graduate council meeting. Unfortunately, they may not be approved in the system in time to add them as links here so please follow these links: https://nku.curriculog.com/agenda:85/form, https://nku.curriculog.com/proposal:1687/form and https://nku.curriculog.com/proposal:1685/form

PROPOSALS FOR APPROVAL

Department of English - ENG – 212 (NOTE: the GEN ED form was not on the agenda but was approved along with the new course form)

Department of Advanced Nursing Studies - Nursing, R.N. to B.S.N.

ITEMS FROM GRADUATE COUNCIL (MEETING CONVENCED ON 1-11-18)

Department of Business Informatics - Business Informatics, M.S.
Department of Business Informatics - Corporate Information Security Certificate
Department of Computer Science - CIT - 581
Department of Computer Science - CIT - 585
Department of Computer Science - CIT - 594
Department of Computer Science - CIT - 630
Department of Computer Science - CIT - 637
Department of Computer Science - CIT - 694
Department of Computer Science - Computer Information Technology, M.S.
Department of Computer Science - Computer Information Technology, M.S.
4. New business – could a shift from 16 to 15 weeks negatively impact your programs?

Ask departmental colleagues for questions and concerns about changing structure of semester schedule.

Think about how courses might be impacted, faculty workload, process concerns, etc.

There was some preliminary discussion among UCC members about this proposed item. Some of the conversation related to scheduling, time between classes, rigor, start and end times for classes, start and end times for each semester, etc. Some members expressed concern about whether this would be a “forced change” the administration undertakes where faculty input is either not requested or not considered seriously, citing other implementations, such as the creation of online programs, partnering with AP, and lowering admissions standards for programs and departments. Some members expressed concern about the lack of faculty representation on the committee. And, some members expressed concerns about making additional significant changes that are not data driven or evidence-based.

5. Adjournment