UCC Minutes November 17, 2022

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Members present:
Kimberly Breitenbecher, Lisa Cuntz, Michael Guy, Richard Fox, Tracy Freeman, Kristin Hornsby, Hilary Landwehr, Kimberly Kattus, Nancy Lang, Jonathan McKenzie, Bethany Noblitt, Terry Pence, Nicole Perrone, Sara Runge, Stephanie Songer, Hallie Sylvestro, Laura Sullivan, Stephanie Sumer, Crystal Summers, Andrea Sutherland, Richard van Dyke, Lindsey Walters

Members absent:
Angie Boyd, Joe Cress, Bulent Erenay, Jeff Fox, Tonya Krouse, Danielle McDonald, Tara McLendon, Jo Sanburg, Danielle Todd, Jose Torres, Zach Well, Andrea Watkins,

Liaisons and Visitors:
Julie Olberding (PAD)   Allen Cole (Registrar's Office), Beth Vasquez (Registrar's Office) Akshatha Kolagi, (VPUAA)

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1. Minutes from 11/3/22 (email vote)

2. Chair Report:
   December meeting will likely be handled with an email unless no items come up in which case it will be canceled. Reminder: deadline for Fall 2023 Catalog is the last March UCC meeting.

3. Curricular items: All approved, see below.

4. Old Business: The Focus and related issues.

   Recall that some articulation agreements with area community colleges allow the associates degree to count for the secondary area of study (in lieu of a minor or focus). Should this be allowed? Questions arose at to which programs have these, how frequently this occurs, and whether the associates degrees in question have content that is offered at NKU.
   Discussion ensued whereby faculty expressed some concern for this practice but given how busy we all are, the thought was to postpone any further discussion until after the catalog deadline, if at all.
   Current definition of a focus:
   > A focus consisting of at least 12 semester hours in courses numbered 300 or above, in a discipline that is different from the student's major.

   Proposed new definition (by Fox):
   > A focus consisting of at least 12 credit hours of courses numbered 300 or above with the same designator; as many as 6 of the credit hours may have other designators as long as the courses are related and the department chair/school director or program director of the courses with the common designator approves the other courses.

   This allows for multidisciplinary foci and exceptions. It also clarifies what "discipline" means from the original definition.
   Allen Cole noted that by the time the new catalog is out, a new workflow for degree audit will be in place whereby the department/school responsible for the focus will have to approve it. This will permit a mechanism whereby courses outside of the focus designator can be used for a Focus. However, do we want to use a rule as explicit as the proposed rule? Fox and Kattus will work on

a revised definition for our next meeting. One other suggestion arose from Cole in that departments can more explicitly word their catalog copy to indicate that a multi-disciplinary focus is available.

5. New business: none.

6. Adjournment

Curricular items (all approved):
- Department of Computer Science - Computer Information Technology, B.S.
- Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Organizational Leadership - PAD -403
- Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Organizational Leadership - PAD - 412
- Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Organizational Leadership - PAD – 455
- Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Organizational Leadership - Public Service Minor
- Department of Educational Leadership and Advanced Studies - EDD - 849
- Department of History and Geography - WGS - 536
- Department of History and Geography - WGS - 537
- Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Organizational Leadership - Emergency Management & Leadership Certificate
- Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Organizational Leadership - Nonprofit Management & Leadership Certificate
- Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Organizational Leadership - PAD - 561
- Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Organizational Leadership - PAD - 581
- Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Organizational Leadership - PAD - 582
- Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Organizational Leadership - PAD – 622
- Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Organizational Leadership - PAD - 681
- Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Organizational Leadership - PAD – 683
- Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Organizational Leadership - Public Administration, M.P.A.