UCC Minutes November 21, 2024

Members present:

Balapour Ali, Cristian Biazzin, Kimberly Breitenbecker, Kevin Corea, Colleen Deel, Richard Fox, Mira Green, Michael Guy, Kimberly Kattus, David Kime, Allison Parker, Nicole Perrone, Dr. Anne Sahingoz, Tammy Sherry, Andrea Sutherland, Hallie Sylvestro, Robin Theobald, Richard van Dyke, Dr. Karen Vietz.

Members absent:

Ginger Blackwell, Joe Cress, Lisa Cuntz Jeff Fox, Kristin Hornsby, Parmita Kapadia Danielle McDonald, Jonathan McKenzie Tara McLendon, Minchul Shin, Melissa Moon, Beth Noblitt, Terry Pence, Shauna Reilly, Eileen Shanahan, Stephanie Songer, Danielle Todd, Jose Torres, Andrea Watkins

Liaisons and Visitors:

Allen Cole, Registrar's Office, Beth Vasquez, Registrar's Office, Emily Detmer-Goebel, Katerina Terhune, James Allen.

1. Minutes from November 7, 2024 approved, except for secretary including the wrong email address for Hallie Sylvestro, sylvestrohl@nku.edu

2. Chair Report:

There is some desire to put program SLOs in the catalog as putting them in Weave has been inconsistent. Program SLOs currently are not part of our curriculum process (they must be included in new program/minor/certificate proposals but changes are not sent through the curriculum process). Committee members were queried if they thought program-level SLOs should require curriculum approval? The UCC committee pondered this but did not make a decision.

NKU is looking into a new ERP system (replacing SAP). Discussion after curriculum review.

The Provost came to our last senate exec committee meeting. We spoke for some time about the UCC recommendation to have microcredentials considered curriculum. The Provost expressed concern that this recommendation did not follow the normal curriculum process (e.g., approved in the dept, college committee, dean's office). I explained that this was a policy proposal which goes from UCC to senate and does not follow the process of ordinary curricular changes. We also spoke of whether it was appropriate for the faculty to approve microcredentials that had no credit bearing courses. She said she felt better about our recommendation now that she understands that policy recommendations take a different path through the approval process. This is on the senate agenda for Monday and we should get to it this time because it has been moved ahead of committee reports if she adopted it, she might still consider microcredentials with no credit bearing courses as non-curriculum so that they would undergo a different approval process.

We have 1 more meeting this semester (Dec 5) but A&S CC and GC are not meet before then. CHHS has an email agenda with 5 items on it, only 3 of which are undergraduate. Assuming they are approved, we will have those to vote on for Dec 5 but I am unaware of any other curricular business. Two are mass change forms and one is an individual course. Assuming either nothing new appears or only minor things appear, are you ok handling these last items by an email vote so that we don't have to meet on Dec 5?

Next meeting third Thursday of January.

- 3. Curricular items: All Items passed unanimously
 - School of Social Work Social Work Minor new minor
 - Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry CHE 320 coreq
 - Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry CHE 482L prereq/coreq
 - Department of Educational Leadership and Advanced Studies EDG 630 title, descr
 - Department of Educational Leadership and Advanced Studies EDG 632 title, descr, hours, prereq
 - Department of Educational Leadership and Advanced Studies EDG 637 title, descr, hours, prereq
 - Department of Educational Leadership and Advanced Studies EDG 639 title, descr, prereq
 - Department of Educational Leadership and Advanced Studies ESL 605 title, hours
 - Department of Educational Leadership and Advanced Studies ESL 606 hours
 - Department of Educational Leadership and Advanced Studies Master of Arts in Education name
 - Department of Educational Leadership and Advanced Studies Teaching, M.A.T. hours, required courses (listed as other)
 - Department of Physics, Geology, and Engineering Technology Mechatronics Engineering Technology, B.S. required courses (adding 2 courses, reducing electives)
 - Department of World Languages and Literatures German with Teaching Certification, B.A. deletion
 - Department of World Languages and Literatures German, B.A. deletion
 - School of Computing and Analytics CSC 692 new
 - School of Kinesiology, Counseling and Rehabilitative Sciences Clinical Mental Health Counseling, M.S.- other, adding retention language to the catalog program requirements description
 - School of Kinesiology, Counseling and Rehabilitative Sciences Counseling Dual Degree: Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling & Master of Arts in School Counseling- other, same as above
 - School of Kinesiology, Counseling and Rehabilitative Sciences School Counseling, M.A. other, same as above
 - School of the Arts Art and Design ARTV 427 prereq changed to Prereq. Not coreq.
 - School of the Arts Music MUSE 307 title
 - School of the Arts Music MUSM 341 terms, prereq
 - School of the Arts Music MUSM 353 terms, prereq

4. New Business:

With NKU purchasing a new ERP system, they may couple the current SAP capabilities with curricular software. If so, what features do we want out of a Curriculog-like system? The committee agreed that there were problems with curriculog in terms of the fact that users had

to launch the changes before they could make changes, but often were then unable to make edits. Also, users often failed to follow the correct protocol in this respect and markups were not recorded. They also felt the usability of search for past changes was awkward and difficult. On a positive side, members enjoyed the fact that curriculog allowed users to copy the URL link for their changes to share with others.

5. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, KAK