EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, October 17, 2014

2:00-4:00 pm

Conference room, 123 Snyder

**Saint Paul Campus**

NOTES

**Present:** Lorene Lanier, Stephanie Wiesneski, Leslie Schiff, Jean Underwood, David Kirkpatrick, Jane Glazebrook, Fumi Katagiri, Jane Phillips, Sandra Mand, Paul Siliciano, Jim Cotner, Susan Wick, Katie & Betsy Wattenberg from Public Health, Alexandra Martin, Akila Pai, Martin Wessendorf

**Absent: --**

1. Approve minutes from September 19, 2014 meeting

* Unanimously approved

2-2:45P 2. Course Proposals

1. Nsci 5300 course proposal (Martin Wessendorf)

* Course will try to familiarize students with optics
* Emphasis on problem-solving, understanding of the physics
* Could provide resources for future research
* Projecting 20-30 students, more if interested
* Will primarily attract Neuroscience students and other CBS grad students
* Enforced pre-requisites can be an issue for transfer students. Recommended to change to course equivalents instead.
* There is no significant overlap with Neuroscience 4105 or GCD 4025
* Mark Sanders can assist in getting research-level microscopes for hands-on projects
* Hands-on experience will be important to engage students
* Will need to consult with CSE to make sure that there are no similar courses (send email and syllabus to David Flannigan, instructor, and Paul Stykowski)
* Vote: unanimously passed by committee.

1. Public Health 4 + 1 program (Stefanie, Betsy Wattenberg)

* Double counting credits are not possible. Will consist of 120 credits + 12 Public Health credits
* Will need to recruit students early to aid in their degree planning
* Students will apply during their junior year, and take courses during their senior year. Courses are graduate-level, but accepted students will pay undergraduate tuition.
* 5 credits taken in fall of senior year; 7 credits taken in spring of senior year
* When marketing to students, it must be clear that admission is not guaranteed
* There are no significant disadvantages in job market with the 4+1
* There are 5-6 similar programs throughout the country
* 10-15 students will be selected, entirely from CBS
* This program (though the Environmental Health division) will serve as a pilot for the other 3 divisions of Public Health
* This program could be included in a broader discussion regarding effects of program on the CBS budget
* Program will be possible for those without AP credits, and for transfer students
* Vote: unanimously passed

2:45-3:10P 3. Old Business

1. Update on Nsci 1002 – Dean objections (Lorene)

* CLA Dean objected to course on principal
* He noted that the topic overlaps with some upper-level Psych courses (though they have no 1000-level offerings), and questioned whether or not the Neuroscience faculty were qualified to teach course
* CLA Dean noted that an LE certification would create additional issues (though it had been previously noted that the course was not seeking an LE certification)
* Next steps: will send to Campus Curriculum Committee for final arbitration and approval. All correspondence should be sent to committee to aid in their decision
* Committee still supports creation of new course.

1. Updates on Molecular Biology & Society (Paul, David)

* No issues with overlap in GCD Ethics course—Bonnie LeRoy and Heather Zierhut said they could guest lecture in new course
* Jean Underwood has submitted course, but not heard back from classroom scheduling.
* Response from faculty has been enthusiastic
* Nathan Springer volunteered to teach new genetics pilot course when re-worked.
* Biochemistry and Genetics will also need to be restructured (timeline: 2-3 years)
* Stephanie will work with Communications to draft announcement to students.
* Course will be 3 credits, and students in pilot course can use as a pre-req for upper-level courses. Course will not yet have LE designation.

3:10-3:55P 4. New Business

a. Spring 2015 PCAS updates (Stefanie)

* Stephanie has requested updates by November 10th
* Neuro 5300 will be offered in spring if approved

b. Scholastics Committee 2013-14 report (tabled from September) (Stefanie)

* Committee reviewed 406 petitions: 80% approval, 20% denial
* Most petitions were 123 ODL and 116 exceptions to major requirements
* Committee noted that is Stephanie sees a lot of approvals coming through for specific issues (5+), she should notify committee to possibly add to bucket
* Faculty advisors would appreciate additional communication with Student Services staff to better understand specific situations with students

1. Biol 2007 (Stefanie)

* Biology 2007 as alternate to 2005?

d. ODL class registration for CBS students (Stefanie)

* Currently, to take Biochemistry, Genetics & Cell Biology courses online, students need to petition the scholastics committee
* The online offering was previously offered in a 9-month format, but is now term-based
* Move to remove the petition requirement from the online course offerings
* Vote: unanimously passed.

1. Course planning (Jean Underwood)

* Course planning due before ESUP outage (should plan through Spring 2016 by February of 2015)