

Curriculum Committee

Minutes

October 9, 2007

Members: James Swartz (Chair), Gerald Adams, Eliza Willis, Karla Erickson, Erik Simpson, John Stone, Caitlin Wells. Guest: Cheryl Chase

1. The minutes of the meeting of 09/10/07 were approved.
2. The divisions have discussed the idea of a different course selection data entry scheme for new students registering in the fall to reduce the stress that new students are experiencing due to the fact that the numbers of opening available to them appears to be decreasing. There was in general a positive reaction to moving away from our current system. There was some concern about what if any impact this will have on the way we advise students. Some worry about transfer student and how they would fair under such a scheme. Some faculty are concerned that this may be more complex. Will this new scheme turn advisers into gaming advisers? Some wanted to know if student will know in advance where they are in the scheme. No one thought it was a bad idea. The reaction from students has been one that supports a system that is less stressful and less physical then the present one. The Dean said that he would look into what some other schools are doing.
3. Draft proposal to FOC about the term for faculty serving on the CC. This item was tabled until our next meeting.
4. In preparation for the following discussion Eliza Willis reviewed for the committee the discussions that took place last year by this committee regard the assessment of MAPs and Independent Study. It was decided that before the committee begins this discussion each committee member should read the assessment done by each department last term.

MAP proposals:

- a. Have a standard college-wide process that each department/concentration would use to vet MAP applications.
- b. Develop an evaluation process for MAPs by students similar to end-of-course evaluations.
- c. Develop an evaluation process to evaluate the effort by faculty directing MAPs.
- d. Re-examine the concept of research with respect to MAP projects among the various divisions
- e. Re-evaluate the present limits placed on the number of MAPs directed by faculty per semester and per summer.
- f. Reconsider the policy of faculty course-credit for academic year MAPs.
- g. Including MAP supervision in the faculty merit review system

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