

FEB Minutes

October 18, 2017

Members Present: Dr. Steve Buccheit, Dr. Ron Dulek, Dr. Bryan Hochstein, Dr. Peter Magnusson, Dr. Volodymyr Melnykov, Professor Joyce Meyer, Dr. Robert McLeod, Dr. Shawn Mobbs, Dr. Paul Pecorino, Dr. Raja Uzma.

Others Present: Dr. Jonathon Halbesleben, Mr. Dan Maguire, and Mrs. Kati Hardemon (serving as recorder).

FEB Vice Chair, Professor Meyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 am in the Dean's Conference Room.

1. **#1 – “W” Designation Proposal for Courses within Majors**

This proposal would designate courses within each major as writing-designated (W-designated) courses to address the section-size exception that allowed GBA 490 to hold a W-designation with approximately 70 students per section. Dr. Halbesleben explained that all UA students must graduate with two writing-designated courses, for many years Culverhouse students have completed this requirement by taking GBA 300 and GBA 490. The UA Core Curriculum Oversight Committee guidelines for W-designated courses is that they are limited to 35 students per section; for several years the CCOC has granted an exception to the section size requirement for GBA 490, allowing the College to offer sections of approximately 70, with each section assigned a GTA. The College has been asked to plan for the possibility that the exception would no longer be granted. After examining several options, proposing one course in each major that is amenable to the W-designation based on current section sizes and writing requirements of the course, appeared to be the most reasonable solution. GBA 490 would maintain the W-designation until all students could address the W-designation requirement through the courses within their major. This proposal would not impact GBA 300 and would not impact GBA 490's standing as a required functional field course of all BSCBA students.

- After much discussion of the various options, two motions were made regarding this proposal. The first motion made by Dr. McLeod and seconded by Dr. Dulek was to table the proposal until more information could be obtained from the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs, which did not pass (**2 in favor, 7 opposed, 1 abstain**)
 - The second motion, made by Dr. Raja and seconded by Dr. Buccheit was to send the proposal to the UPC, which passed (**5 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstain**).
2. **New Course Proposal for EC 472&FI 472 and EC 572&FI 572** – A motion was made by Dr. McLeod and seconded by Dr. Pecorino, to send this to UPC and Masters Committee, respectively. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. **New Course Proposal for EC 600** – A motion was made by Dr. Pecorino and seconded by Dr. Mobbs to send this to the Ph.D. committee. The motion was unanimously approved..
4. **Announcements**

- a Consistent with the strategic plan, departments will be asked to review all curriculum programs during the spring semester. Details will follow in November/December.
- b Also there may be some future discussions on the role of the college P&T committee should be for those with 4th year reviews, this may require some changes to the policy that will be sent to FEB for approval.
- c An initial AACSB report draft is done and is at OIRA for checks on various statistics. The FEB members will be a group that will meet the review team, the schedule will be distributed to FEB once approved by the review team.

With no new business, Prof. Meyer adjourned the meeting at 11:17 pm.