Rhode Island College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Minutes for the Meeting of
16 October 2020
Online Zoom due to Coronavirus

Present: Abbotson, S. (Chair); Auger, G.; Aydogdu, M.; Borgerding, T.; Burke, J.; Diem, J.; Dixon, S.; Griffin, A.; Hewins, D.; Masters, C. (Dean); McLaughlin, C. (Secretary); Sawyer, J.; Weistein, T.; Zoll, S.; Zonardo, J. (COGE)
Student Representatives: Diebold, A.
Absent: Simson, E. (Dean); Stevenson, B. (student)
Excused: Espinosa, D.; Pearlmutter, S.
Guests: Amy Barlow (Library)

1. Call to Order: 2:06

2. Motion to Approve minutes for 15 May 2020 Meeting (Borgerding/ Aydogdu)
   - *Action:* Approved – 1 abstention

3. Report of the Chair
   - New members of the UCC were welcomed: Nan Griffin, Carolynn Masters, and our student member Anthony Diebold welcomed back. 2020-2021 meetings of the UCC will be attended by Sue Pearlmutter on behalf of the Provost's office, but Helen Tate will be attending the Executive UCC meetings. The Provost presence is non-voting but there in case of questions.
   - Sylvia Ross replaced Jil Fagre on COGE as Nursing rep. and found a student member: Kyra Garabedian
     - Sue Abbotson also offered her thanks to Jim Magyar for his long service to UCC and COGE
   - WID progress; Mike Michaud recommendations.
     - Still working on a few program's descriptions, but everyone has responded, and a couple more were created over the summer and we hope to have everything completed soon. Another UCC proposal will be submitted to add the "W" to thse remaining WID courses once identified.
     - Created good visibility for WID
     - Need to next work on addressing assessment and possible faculty development in teaching writing for the future.
   - College catalog trials and tribulations (including the "W" issue)

- Still working on catalog – WID branding needs to be assigned to those courses in PeopleSoft, but has already been done in the catalog (hopefully this will not cause any confusion)
- Late arrival of catalog info has stalled the effort and Records is busy on other matters
- Course deletions in progress original list of 409 was reduced to 82 as all X50, X80, X9X can be kept: (potential candidates--FAS: 64; FSEHD 10; SOB 2; SON 1; SWRK 4).

4. Monthly Reports (Writing Board suspended for this year—there will be no reports or Jan. Faculty Workshop)
   - COGE – The Monthly Report from COGE can be reviewed at:
     http://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/Pages/Monthly-Reports.aspx

     - Discussion about COGE and possible revisions to Gen Ed. ensued
     - Role of Sue Pearlmutter in this process was discussed, including clarification of her current job title to ascertain her level of authority
     - Joe Zornado asserted that Sue Pearlmutter was supportive of the effort to explore the Gen Ed revision
     - Joe related that Helen Tate wants the review and has asked that the process is done methodically and deliberately
     - Joe requested that the committee provide comments and ideas about revision to the Gen Ed program – mirrors somewhat the request for comments on FYS improvements and revisions

5. Annual Report
   - Student Designed Majors (2019-2020)
     The Annual Report from Student Designed Majors can be reviewed at:
     http://www.ric.edu/curriculum_committee/Documents/Student-Designed-Majors-Annual-Report-2019-20.pdf

6. New Business
   CSCI
   Motion to Approve: 20-21-001 (
   - 20-21-001 Approve revising the CSCI BA and BS programs to add CSCI 402 Cyber Security Principles as a required elective.
   Discussion: #001 requests approval for a revision to the CSCI BA and BS programs to add the already exisiting CSCI 402 Cyber Security Principles as a required elective, to encourage students to learn more about this increasingly important field
   Action: Unanimously Approved

7. Any Other Business

Motion to adjourn: McLaughlin and Committee - 3:07

Respectfully submitted by: Charlie McLaughlin