

Academic Assembly
January 27, 2014
2:05 – 4:00pm, STCN 130

MINUTES

Present:

David Arnesen, Carol Wolfe Clay, Karen Cowgill, Lynn Deeken, Christian Halliburton, Kristi Lee, Sean McDowell, Patrick Murphy, David Neel, Erik Olsen, Katherine Raichle, Roshanak Roshandel, Rob Rutherford, Heath Spencer, John Strait

ex-officio: Brady Carlson, Chuck Lawrence, Cobretti Williams

15 voting members

3 nonvoting members

Minutes taken by Patrick Murphy

- I. **Review of 1-13-14 Minutes**
 - a. **Request to include A&S statements from Theresa Earenfight and Arun Iyer on unionization as attachment to minutes.**
 - b. **Motion to pass minutes as modified. Passes unanimously**

- II. **New Program Proposals**
 - A. Business & Legal Studies Program
 - a. Susan Weihrich (Assoc. Dean of Albers), visiting, responding to questions from Erik Olsen: Concern over the term “legal studies” as it does not square with liberal arts tradition of the term. SW: Other schools refer to it as “3-3 Program”. EO: What about entitled “Business & Law”. Chris Haliburton & John Strait: Law did not spend much time discussing name.
 - i. SW: A lot of Jesuit schools have similar degrees, as they have overlapping skill sets and student interests. It works well in other Jesuit schools, including a year in law school
 - ii. JS: What if students don’t get admitted into law? SW: They can still complete an Albers major
 - iii. Sean McDowell: How many credits in business school classes? SW: 135, including University & Business Core. 30 Law semester credits = 45 quarter credits. Still get to 180.
 - b. JS: Motion to approve program, subject to discussion of name; 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining
 - B. ME Systems Engineering
 - a. Concerns laid out in memo (e.g., support for students, status of the faculty member, launch date), but based on responses, PRC satisfied
 - b. Mike Quinn (Dean of S&E), Agnieszka Miguel, Teodora Rutar Shuman, visiting
 - c. Question from Erik Olsen: Where did projections come from? MQ: Dean from Loyola Marymount, indicated this is their biggest program and they have 50 students. Seattle is smaller than LA, but the certificate option helps get us towards goal of 50 at 5 years.

- d. SM: Does LMU have certificate programs? MQ: No.
 - e. CWC: Classes at night? AM: All of them.
 - f. JS: Faculty member will be tenure track? MQ: Yes.
 - g. Rob Rutherford: Will be externally accredited? MQ: No, only UG programs externally accredited.
 - h. Roshanak Roshandel: Will the students in this program share project management courses with the MSE/MSCS students in the college and any plans to integrate these courses? MQ: Yes, and there will be efficiencies of scale which should increase enrollment in courses and improve bottom line.
 - i. Chris Halliburton: Working with COPE? MQ: All faculty teaching online courses are going through COPE, and testifies from personal experience that this is for the betterment of the courses
 - j. JS: Move to approve and forward to Provost: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain
- C. Termination of General Science
- a. No need for discussion with Michael Quinn
 - b. Decision was made to terminate program last year at the college level. Faculty member currently teaching in this program have been reassigned to other activities. EO: Anyone losing their job over this? David Neel: No.
 - c. JS: Approve recommendation of PRC and to forward to Provost. 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain
- D. Electrical Engineering program revision
- a. RR: Approve recommendation of PRC and to forward to Provost. 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain
- E. Internal Audit Certificate (Albers)
- a. KC: No new courses.
 - b. JS: Are certificates being used as a lesser version of a master's? David Arnesen: Certificates may help offset decrease in MBA enrollments
 - c. Sean McDowell: How are we going to best assure projected enrollments hold up? JS: Are we at risk of pulling existing students out of master's programs? KC: There are cases when the PRC has gone back to require additional information from applicants re: projections
 - d. Carol Wolfe Clay: Are we devaluing our brand or educational reputation by increasing the number of certificates? EO: Maybe we should have reporting following approval. JS: Past programs approvals have required post-approval follow-up, both indicating new program enrollment and enrollment of related programs (to make certain new program isn't simply taking students from older programs).
 - e. **JS: Motion to approve and forward to Provost: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain**
 - f. **JS: Motion to request reports from Provost's office of 3-year data annually on a rolling basis outlining enrollments of new (and existing?) programs and also related SU programs (to ensure enrollment in one not at cost of the other)**
 - g. 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain
- F. 3 remaining certificate proposals (Global Business, QEA, Health Informatics and Technology)
- a. 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain
- G. Discussion of Proposal to Suspend or Terminate an Academic Program form and guidelines tabled for a subsequent meeting.
- H. Executive Session.