UNIVERSITY INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

 Meeting Date:
 April 30, 2012

 Time:
 12:00-1:30pm

 Place:
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Voting members and alternates in attendance: Hedley Freake, Richard Rockwell, Larry Gramling, Tom Meyer, Eric Donkor, Olga Vinogradova, Laura Burton, Ion Mandoiu, and Edith Barrett.

Ex officio members and alternates in attendance: Margaret Lamb, Kim Chambers, Maria Martinez, David Ouimette, and Lauren DiGrazia.

Others in attendance: Monica van Beusekom.

Meeting called to order at 12:03pm.

1. Welcome

Chair Hedley Freake thanked the office of Dr. Sally Reis for providing the funds to cater lunch for this meeting.

2. Approval of minutes from April 9, 2012 meeting

Dr. Richard Rockwell moved to approve minutes as presented. Dr. Laura Burton seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

3. Announcements

The form to create the "UNIV" designation was submitted to the Office of the Registrar. However, nothing will be listed as UNIV until the UICC requests that this happen; all existing UNIV-type INTD courses will be shifted to UNIV at the same time, probably in time for Fall 2013 registration.

4. New Business

4.1. Course Proposals

4.1.a. UNIV-type INTD 2600 Individualized Study Across Academic Disciplines, Individualized Major Program, 3 credits

A draft of this proposal was reviewed by the UICC for comment in January 2012. After comment by UICC, the proposal went to CANR and CLAS C&CCs for formal review. The major change that came of the CANR and CLAS C&CCs reviews is that the course, as proposed, was most consistent with an experimental course. So, rather than propose it to the UICC as a new course with new course number, it is being proposed now as an Special Topics course, a section of INTD 3995 at 1 credit. The course would shift from INTD to UNIV when the designation is activated. It is being proposed for Spring 2013, and then for 2 more offerings following that. It is expected that the new course with new number would be proposed for offering in Spring 2015.

Another change in the proposal is a change in terminology from interdisciplinary to multidisciplinary. Also, at the recommendation of the UICC in January 2012, increased

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engagement with UConn faculty - in terms of lectures on interdisciplinary matters – has been added.

Dr. Richard Rockwell moved to approve the proposal as presented. Dr. Eric Donkor seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

5. Old Business

5.1. Current INTD courses without departments

Chair Hedley Freake circulated a draft of the catalog language to preface the UNIV designation and suggested that units review their existing course catalog descriptions and, if necessary, propose how they may be revised. It is hoped that final catalog changes to existing courses will be put before the Senate at the November 2012 Senate meeting.

Chair Hedley Freake asked if the full UICC need review each and every INTD 3993 independent study section. At the moment, when a proposal to use INTD 3993 is received, information is collected at the IISP level – including syllabus or learning contract, academic advisor signature, and instructor signature - then reviewed by the UICC chair.

Chair Hedley Freake noted that the UICC will likely need to meet less frequently in the coming academic year.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anabel Perez IISP Administrator