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Approved 4/30/2013

To Faculty Senate 5/6/2013

<http://www.wvu.edu/facultysenate>**ACADEMIC COORDINATING COMMISSION****Meeting of April 16, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER. Chair Yvonne Durham called the meeting of the 2012-13 Academic Coordinating Commission to order at 4:05 pm. There were twenty-three (23) persons present. See attached roster.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ACC Minutes of 4/2/13 approved with the addition of the word “often” in the top paragraph on page 2.

APPOINTMENTS: To CUP: Andy Bunn, as “Energy Studies” representative from Huxley College.

REPORTS: *Chair Durham:* Plans for the ACC agendas for the rest of spring quarter tentatively include discussions of online courses, upper division courses and prerequisites. However, discussion of the Academic Honesty Policy will take precedence when it is received from the Senate.

Victor Celis: AS Elections are underway.

4:22**REVIEW OF CURRICULUM MINUTES (Exhibit B)**

	<i>CC Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Topics</i>	<i>Mins prepared by</i>
80	College of Sciences & Technology	4/8/2013	ACCEPTED. MSCI110 approved, but if submitted as an FYE in the future, it will need to be sent to CUE. Commissioners approved the marine science courses and offered the friendly recommendations that “I” and “II” be added to the titles of BIO111 and BIO112 in order to distinguish between the courses and that the prerequisites for all courses be changed to “Admission to Marine Science Scholars program.”	J.Mott
81	Committee/Undergrad Ed (CUE)	3/14/2013	ACCEPTED, Todd Haskell, <i>Psychology</i> , CUE liaison at this meeting, suggested that the GUR revision timeline is an evolving process and further discussion is planned.	M.Price
82	Fairhaven College	2/6/2013	ACCEPTED.	K.Johnson
83	RASC	3/8/2013	ACCEPTED (includes summary from Scholastic Standing Committee)	S.Flaherty
84	Woodring Curriculum Cte	4/5/2013	NOT ACCEPTED. Commissioners asked for clarification of the new department title indicated as “Special Education and Educational Administration” in the minutes, but thought to be “Special Education and Education Leadership”.	C.Mathison

DISCUSSION:

CISS Program. The Faculty Senate requested a response from ACC on various questions regarding the CISS program. The Senate questions are as follows:

1. Should the Senate be engaged in advocating programs that are *by design* reliant on NTT faculty?
2. Does this program, by its structure, especially with the inclusion of special GURs, create a de facto cohort program, and does this threaten WWU’s mission of being a residential undergraduate community?

3. Why should the GURs be included at all as part of the program proposal?
 - a) Extended Ed does not need to be offering GURs when we already offer them through the regular campus;
 - b) By picking and choosing GURs based on students' specialized needs, does the proposal violate the liberal/general *mission* of the GUR program, even as it meets the distribution requirements?
 - c) If we have more working students who need evening GURs, certainly that can be scheduled without Extended Ed's involvement.
4. Does offering new programs via Extended Ed create a de facto differential tuition model? If so, the faculty has voiced many concerns about differential tuition.
5. Why should we pursue an expensive Extended Education option for the CISS program (using NTT faculty) now when we have a proposal in front of legislators in Olympia for the same program, but which is designed to be high-quality and created with tenure-track faculty?

ACC discussed the questions and the extent to which they fell under ACC's purview. Commissioners drafted and passed a **motion** (moved by Mark Kuntz, approved by David Gilbertson) to send the following response to the Senate:

ACC's charge indicates that the purview of the Academic Coordinating Commission includes "1) curricular coherence, 2) curricular administration, 3) standards and requirements for admission, progress through the curriculum, and graduation, and 4) oversight of curricular change." It also states that "ACC approval of academic programs does not constitute approval for University funding," and "ACC oversight in no way impinges on those matters that are the purview of collective bargaining." As such, ACC does not approve the choice of faculty to teach specific courses nor does it approve funding sources. ACC's charge is to review curriculum apart from these factors. Therefore, while questions 1, 3a, 3c, 4, and 5 are items worthy of discussion, we respectfully submit that they are not issues for ACC, but would be more appropriately addressed by the Faculty Senate, UPRC, and/or the Provost.

In response to the two questions that are in ACC purview, #2 and #3b, David Bover has indicated the following: "*There are no 'special GURs' and therefore no 'cohort program'. Students in the CISS program will select GUR courses from the same list used by all other WWU students. The recommended GURs have been removed from the proposal.*"

ACC approves the curricular content of this program.

Comments:

- David Bover indicated that the recommended GURs had been initially included as part of a feasibility study to help students and as an advisement function. These courses are not required and students will have access to all courses on campus.
- Perry Fizzano suggested that a fair number of students will be attending during the day although the exact numbers are unknown. A survey of some prospective students indicated an interest in evening courses but this was by no means the intention of the program.
- Steve VanderStaay reported on the high level of achievement and competency of Western's computer science graduates.
- Commissioners expressed concerns that while the Senate questions about funding sources and choice of faculty are not in ACC's purview, they are still important questions that need to be thoughtfully addressed.

Credits for: Advanced Placement, Prior Learning, Exam (Registrar) (Exhibit C). ACC passed a **motion** (moved by David Rossiter, seconded by Holly Folk) to approve the addition of "prior learning" language to the language already in the catalog.

Insufficient Progress Toward Degree / Holds (Registrar) (Exhibit D). While acknowledging the possible benefits of greater specificity in criteria regarding "sufficient progress" toward degree, ACC will discuss this further when the Registrar can be present.

Finals Week Policy (Exhibit E). ACC discussed many concerns surrounding adherence to the current finals week policy along with some possible revisions to the policy, with plans to continue the discussion in the future.

Adjournment: 5:48 pm, 4/16/2013.

Submitted by Rose Marie Norton-Nader, recorder 4/16/2013

ACC MEETING ROSTER – 2012-2013

	<u>Voting Membership (terms ending 2014)</u>			<i>Guests</i>	
1	A – Janice Lapsansky	--	1	Lea Ann Martin, <i>Assoc Dean, CHSS</i>	P
2	B – Ron Helms, <i>Sociology</i>	P	2	David Bover, <i>Assoc Dean, CST</i>	P
3	C – Holly Folk, <i>Liberal Studies</i>	P	3	Lesley Sommer, <i>Assoc Dean, CFPA</i>	--
4	At-Lg: Kristin Denham, <i>English</i>	--			
5	I – Peter Smith, <i>Library</i>	P		<u>CUE Guests</u>	
6	F- Stan Tag, <i>FAIRHAVEN</i>	P	1	Lois Longwood, EE	P
	<u>Voting Membership (terms ending 2013)</u>		2	Todd Haskell, <i>CUE Representative</i>	P
7	E- Yvonne Durham, <i>Economics, ACC Chair 2012-2013</i>	P	3	Perry Fizzano, <i>Computer Science</i>	P
8	D – Mark Kuntz, <i>Theater, ACC Vice Chair</i>	P			
9	A- Andreas Riemann, SENATOR	P			
10	E- David Gilbertson, <i>Accounting, SENATOR</i>	P			
11	G – David Rossiter (for Troy Abel), <i>Huxley College</i>	P			
12	H – Tracy Thorndike Christ, <i>Woodring College</i>	P			
13	VPUE Steve VanderStaay (<i>ex officio, voting</i>)	P			
14	Victor Celis, ASVP Academics: CelisV@students.wvu.edu	P		Records: Senate Assistant	
15	Stephanie Cox / Student rep cox4@students.wvu.edu	P	1	Rose Marie Norton-Nader, <i>Recorder</i>	P
16	Matthew Hilliard /Student rep hiliam@students.wvu.edu	P	2	Zach Sisco, <i>Distinguished Student Employee</i>	P
17	Nicholas Doherty, Student rep	--		Members Present	16
18	Dave Brunnemer, <i>Registrar (nv)</i>	P			
19	Lisa Zuzarte, <i>Catalog Coordinator (nv)</i>	P		TOTAL: April 16, 2013	23