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ACADEMIC COORDINATING COMMISSION Meeting of November 6, 2012

CALL TO ORDER. Chair Yvonne Durham called the meeting of the 2012-13 Academic Coordinating Commission to order at 4:03 pm. There were twenty-six (26) persons present. See attached roster.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *ACC Minutes of 10/23/2012 approved* with an edit to the last sentence on top of page 2 to read: "There is significant literature on qualities of hospitals and it has been found that those with the best educated nurses are able to achieve the best outcomes."

REPORTS:

Chair Yvonne Durham: 1) Welcome to new student members Stephanie Cox and Mathew Hilliard; thanks to Holly Folk and David Gilbertson who offered to mentor ACC student members; 2) The revised Academic Honesty Policy is with the Senate; the policy currently in effect will come to ACC soon from the Senate Executive Committee with some updates to make it viable for this year; the Senate is considering the culture of academic honesty in conjunction with revising the policy; 3) The RN to BSN program has sent some courses through the Woodring Curriculum Committee which will soon arrive at ACC; 4) Following David Brunnemer's report on the feasibility of implementing the possible grade replacement motions that ACC asked the Registrar's Office to explore last Spring, Commissioners with philosophical motivations should feel free to bring any of the motions forward for consideration; 5) It is hoped that with the efficiency provided by the new curriculum minutes template, ACC as a whole may typically be able to consider curriculum changes rather than dividing into sub-groups for review.

VPUE Steven VanderStaay : ACC will be asked to consider basic guidelines and principles regarding the inclement weather policy in light of the fact that students sometimes make heroic efforts to get to class under adverse conditions and then find out their classes are cancelled.

ASVP Victor Celis: 1) the AS Board approved a pilot program as a permanent piece of the AS Outback summer apprentice program; 2) thanks to Mark Kuntz for attending the orientation for students on committees; 3) over a thousand ballots have been collected in the VU election ballot box.

REVIEW OF CURRICULUM MINUTES (Exhibit B)

	<i>CC Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Topics</i>	<i>Secty</i>
11	College Humanities & Social Sciences	10/18/12	Accepted. Members discussed: --The possible need for a class hours formula to be used for field experience. --Changes to Psychology major were accepted although commissioners would like a better-articulated rationale, and asked: --Is increasing credits in a major actually a "narrowing" and therefore counter to the broadening experience suggested by a liberal arts education? Commissioners asked how to solve the challenge in the system whereby students cannot get other upper division courses because of prerequisites in other departments?	K.Schaeffer

Commissioners accepted the following Catalog Office edits to CHSS minutes. p. 7: Bio/Anthro BS (approved last year for this year's catalog); p. 9: Cancel ENG565 (not 560); p. 11: Prereqs cannot be enforced as listed - Psy303; p. 12: reword text to Psych BA to read: "One course each from two of the following five areas (as listed); p. 13: Soc421 and Soc471 cancellations are effective Fall 2013. Mick Cunningham, *Chair, Sociology*, was present to explain core course number updating and consequent changes to prerequisite course numbers but no substantive course changes.

12	Committee on Undergraduate Education	10/18/12	Accepted, including the motion to affirm 3-step assessment plan with competencies. Commissioners had questions about how the plan would be carried out.	M.Price, DSE
13	Graduate Council with Memo re CSD	10/9/12	Accepted. A motion to approve the revised Graduate Council charge passed unanimously. TABLED: CSD MA revisions. Because of process concerns, Commissioners will wait to review revisions with the final course titles. Chair Barbara Mathers-Schmidt was present to explain changes.	M. Barr
14	Huxley College of the Environment	10/8/12	Accepted, <u>but not ENVS411</u> . Commissioners would like clarification in the rationale for dropping 410. And if the course is only offered in alternate years, how can it be offered only for senior level? <i>BTC – Articulation Agreement document: <u>Withdrawn</u>.</i> The document was attached to the Huxley minutes for information only and is not under consideration for approval by ACC.	D.Peterson

DISCUSSION

Terminal Degrees and Western's Mission: Marc Geisler, *Chair*, and Oliver de la Paz, both from *English*, were present to discuss the philosophy of introducing an MFA program in Creative Writing which will come before ACC at a future meeting. Geisler and de la Paz distributed a list of regional comprehensives with such programs, and explained that the proposed MFA has large literature and pedagogy components. Also, there is new interest in the field in a Ph.D. in creative writing which renders the notion of the MFA as a terminal degree somewhat ambiguous.

Adjournment: 5:47 pm.

Rose Marie Norton-Nader, *Recorder* – November 6, 2012

ACADEMIC COORDINATING COMMISSION 2012 ROSTER

	<u>Voting Membership (terms ending 2014)</u>			<u>Guests</u>	
1	A – Janice Lapsansky	P	1	LeaAnn Martin, <i>AssocDean, CHSS</i>	P
2	B – Ron Helms, <i>Sociology</i>	P	2	David Bover, <i>AssocDean, CST</i>	P
3	C – Holly Folk, <i>Liberal Studies</i>	P	3	Maggie Barklind, <i>EE</i>	P
4	At-Lg: Kristin Denham, <i>English</i>	P	4	Mick Cunningham, <i>Chair, Sociology</i>	P
5	I – Peter Smith, <i>Library</i>	P	5	Barbara Mathers-Schmidt, <i>Chair, CSD</i>	P
6	F- Stan Tag, <i>FAIRHAVEN</i>	P	6	Marc Geisler, <i>Chair, English</i>	P
	<u>Voting Membership (terms ending 2013)</u>		7	Oliver de la Paz, <i>English</i>	P
7	E- Yvonne Durham, <i>Economics, ACC Chair 2012-2013</i>	P			
8	D – Mark Kuntz, <i>Theater, ACC Vice Chair</i>	P			
9	A- Andreas Riemann, <i>SENATOR</i>	P			
10	E- David Gilbertson, <i>Accounting, SENATOR</i>	P		Records: Senate Assistant	
11	G – Troy Abel, <i>Huxley College</i>	--	1	Rose Marie Norton-Nader, <i>Recorder</i>	P
12	H – Tracy Thorndike Christ, <i>Woodring College</i>	--	2	Zach Sisco, <i>Distinguished Student Employee</i>	P
13	VPUE Steve VanderStaay (<i>ex officio, voting</i>)	P			
14	Victor Celis, ASVP Academics: CelisV@students.wvu.edu	P			
15	Amy Darst/ Student rep darstb@students.wvu.edu	P		Quorum = 9	
16	Stephanie Cox / Student rep cox4@students.wvu.edu	P			
17	Matthew Hilliard /Student rep hilliam@students.wvu.edu	P		Members Present	17
18	Dave Brunnermer, <i>Registrar (nv)</i>	P		Recorder and Guests	9
19	Lisa Zuzarte, <i>Catalog Coordinator (nv)</i>	P		TOTAL: November 6, 2012	26