Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee

2013-14 Highlights

Tom Berndt, Committee Chair
Introduction to the Committee

- CSR: Sandra Liu, Nancy Strickler
- HDFS: Jennifer Dobbs-Oates
- HK: Bonnie Blankenship
- HSCI: Frank Rosenthal, Neil Zimmerman
- HTM: Mick La Lopa
- NUR: Vicki Simpson, Roseanne Griggs
- NUTR: Jim Daniel
- PSY: George Hollich
- SLHS: Amanda Seidl
- Student Services: Linda Conner
- And a student representative from each unit
September Highlights

- 6 proposals for new courses, course revisions, or revisions in undergraduate majors or minors were approved.
- Linda Conner: “Academic Advising at Purdue University: Working Together for Student Success” -- :”The mission of undergraduate advising at Purdue University is to partner with students, faculty, staff, and administration to empower students to develop and implement an individualized plan for academic success and personal and career development, while integrating learning and enrichment within the University and community.”
- Some action steps are to coordinate advising roles, establish a career ladder for advisors, and standardize advising loads across the University
October Highlights

• 3 proposals for new courses and a new minor, core revisions, and revisions in undergraduate degree requirements were approved.

• We discussed a new model for funding summer courses that is intended to increase summer enrollment. HHS plans (as of January) to offer courses for more than 2,000 students this summer, which is about 400 more than in the summer of 2012.

• We began discussing Purdue’s core curriculum and the new Honors College (More later.)
November Highlights

• 9 proposals for new courses, course revisions, or revisions in undergraduate majors or minors were approved.

• Shane Hawkins-Wilding requested the committee’s approval of a plan for the awarding of $1.6M in central-administration funds for Presidential Scholarships.

• The University core curriculum: Are all the appropriate HHS courses approved as core courses? (Probably not.) See Courses Approved for the Core Curriculum. Take the next opportunity to add courses!
December Highlights

• 3 proposals for new courses, course revisions, or revisions in undergraduate majors or minors were approved.

• Planning for a new partnership between HHS and the new Honors College was discussed in detail.

• The primary responsibilities of HHS units will be to offer Honors College students some courses that have honors sections or allow honors-by-contract and to offer students the opportunity to complete a thesis or comparable scholarly project.
January Highlights

• 3 proposals for new courses, course revisions, or revisions in undergraduate majors or minors were approved.
• The committee talked briefly about the state law that says colleges may require no more than 120 credit hours for a bachelor’s degree except in special cases (e.g., when more courses are required for external accreditation). Units had to decide whether to accept this requirement or seek a waiver.
• This meeting adjourned after less than one hour.
February Highlights

• 4 proposals for new courses, course revisions, or revisions in undergraduate majors or minors were approved.

• The committee discussed the proposed curriculum for the Honors College, which called for 5 hours of HONR courses and 19 hours of “elective” honors courses, some of which may be honors sections of foundational core courses.

• Members set a date in mid-April to revise the degree requirements for all majors to include the foundational core.
March Highlights

- 16 proposals for new courses, course revisions, or revisions in undergraduate majors or minors were approved. (20 proposals were on the agenda but we ran out of time.)
April 2 Highlights

• 18 proposals for new courses, course revisions, or revisions in undergraduate majors or minors were reviewed; 2 were withdrawn and the rest were approved. (28 proposals were on the agenda but we ran out of time.)
April 16 Highlights

• 11 proposals for new courses, course revisions, or revisions in undergraduate majors or minors were approved. (17 proposals were on the agenda but we ran out of time.)
May Highlights

• Our last meeting for the year will be on May 7 (We work hard!)

• We will undoubtedly have proposals for new courses, course revisions, or revisions in undergraduate majors or minors to review.

• We will begin the discussion of the embedded outcomes that are part of the University’s core curriculum.
Summary of Accomplishments

• We revised all HHS majors to incorporate the University foundational core courses
• We revised most majors to match the state limit of 120 credit hours for a bachelor’s degree.
• We planned for the new Honors College
• We learned about the push for increased summer enrollment and for enhancements to academic advising, about new procedures for the awarding of recruitment scholarships, and about other innovations in Student Services and undergraduate education.
Thanks to a Great Committee!

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Questions?