Minutes of Curriculum Committee Meeting: March 9, 2010 in Room H-345

Present: Dr. Moni Chauren, Dr. David Klarberg, Dean Karen Steele, Prof. Dolores Weber, Prof. Craig Weber, Prof. Richard Yuster.
Absent: Dr. Marjorie Deutsch, Dr. Philip Pecorino, Sin Ying Lam (Student), Chi Kwan Wong (Student)

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 BY Prof. Klarberg, the designated chair for the meeting.

2. The Minutes of the February 23 meeting were approved.

3. Music Dept. new course proposals: MU471, MU472, MU473, MU474-- Percussion Ensemble. The particulars were discussed, ballots distributed, vote to approve 5 -yes, 0- no.

4. Physics (PH-450) Introduction to Physics Research. 2 Lecture Hours and 4 Laboratory Hours for 4 Credits
Dean Steele said that instead it should be 3 Lecture Hours and 3 Lab Hours. The credit to hours ratio would be in line with other courses at the college, i.e., 3 lecture hours = 3 credits, 3 lab hours = 1 credit. Prof Yuster enquired about enrollment limits. Week 15 was not on the proposal and needs to be accounted for in the new schedule for the labs’ outline. Week 7 of the Lab Outline mentions “Research Projects”, but this should read “Research Plans.” The committee will await these changes.

5. Physics (PH-900). The proposal describes research in-house, not being done by outside firms, as the title “coop education” suggests. The title should be adjusted to reflect this.
Prof. Yuster pointed out that the rationale for this course was the same as PH450, and should be rewritten. This proposal awaits said changes for a vote.

6. MT-293, the parametric Computer–Aided Design course was next on the docket for review. Prof. Yuster asked about the class hours, recitation and lab hours for this manufacturing based course. A vote was taken: 5 -Yes, 0- No. This new course passed.

7. MT-488 (CADD) is to be replaced by MT 293 in the A.A.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology program. The committee
Vote was 5 -Yes, 0- No. It therefore passed.

8. Chinese LC-321 was next on the agenda. Business Chinese 1. The course topics are business topics, but the emphasis of the course is on language proficiency; the department has revised the course to show this, and Dean Steele felt it was in liberal arts. It should fulfill foreign language requirements. The vote was 5 Yes, 0 no, so it passed.

9. Chinese LC-122 will be discussed and voted on next meeting on March 30, 2010. Additional items to be discussed include the proposed courses LA-111 and MU-481, 482, 483, 484.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Weber   Secretary pro-tem,