MINUTES: School of Professional Studies Meeting November 5, 2007, 3:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Dean Batterson, Dr. Asmussen, Ms. Edris, Mr. Galardi, Dr. Goebel-Lundholm, Ms. Gottschalk, Mr. Griffin, Dr. Groatian, Dr. Hutchison, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Knippelmeyer, Dr. Lundak, Dr. Nevitt, Dr. Thomas

1. Minutes of the September 17th meeting were approved by acclamation.

2. Hardware for video for fall 2008 training has been approved. Dr. Drew has indicated that the approval included enough to take care of the on-line server.

3. Dr. Asmussen and Ms. Gottschalk accompanied seven students to the NUSS (Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium) Conference at Wayne State College. The Peru State students were singled out by the keynote speaker for their exceptional presentation. The next conference will be in the spring in St. Louis.

Dr. Thomas indicated how proud he was of the faculty contingent who attended the IBAM (Institute of Behavioral and Applied Management) conference.

4. Dean Batterson reminded faculty of registration for Spring beginning November 6th.

New kinds of gen-ed courses are being made available. Jim Nevitt's and Joel Lundak's courses are new choices of gen-ed classes that students can take.

Dean Batterson tries to be responsive to students with course substitutions, and he encourages faculty to use substitutions when indicated.

No signatures for overloads are required. Students can take up to 95 hours; however, this has not been done.

5. Online course shells should be ready for Spring 2008 by December 8, 2007.

6. Professional Activity Reports (PARs) are due in January 2008.

7. Faculty voted on course proposals with syllabi and a program proposal submitted to them for review.

   a. From James R. Nevitt, Special Topics in Psychology - Social Influence, Compliance, and Obedience (PSYC 498)
      Motion to approve: Dr. Thomas
      Second: Mr. Galardi

   b. From Sheri Knippelmeyer, Human Resource Development (MGMT 581)
      Motion to approve: Mr. Jackson
      Second: Mr. Griffin

   c. From Dean Batterson, a Graduate Certificate of Achievement in Organizational Development
      Motion to approve: Dr. Groatian
      Second: Mr. Jackson
d. Dean Batterson proposed approval for ECON 305 (Economic Geography) to meet Global Studies requirement.
   Motion to approve: Dr. Lundak.
   All submissions received approval.

8. CAAP results are available. Advisors were asked to make the results available to their advisees.

9. Program Assessment continues. Mr. Jackson and Dean Batterson are working on a rubric for the Business Policy course.

   NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) will be on campus Fall 2008. The HLC (Higher Learning Commission) report is due in the Fall of 2008. Dean Batterson is preparing the report to HLC.

10. Faculty Senate initiatives:
   a. Online assignments available to students early provide course shopping for easy courses through online drop/add
   b. Publishing of accurate textbook list

11. Faculty reviewed an Honors Program Revision Proposal initially presented to the Faculty Senate on October 23rd. Proposals included:
   a. Emphasize three-credit in lieu of one-credit courses.
   b. Feature two-course sequences of interdisciplinary, themed courses and a capstone course requirement in Independent Study form.
   c. Elevate Coordinator to Director status.

12. Faculty discussed different views while addressing a revision of the College Mission Statement. A handout of Vice President Drew's submission to the Faculty Senate presented on October 23rd was made available. Vice President Drew's goal is to have the Honors Program and College Mission Statement updated by late Spring.

13. After describing the reasons for the request, Dr. Asmussen asked that Dr. Thomas resign from his Spring 2008 position representing the School of Professional Studies on the Faculty Senate. Dr. Thomas advised that he would not resign. No motion came forward.

14. Meeting was adjourned.