MINUTES: School of Professional Studies Meeting, March 22, 2012, 3:30 p.m., TJM 203

PRESENT: Dean Galardi, Dr. Asmussen, Dr. Bliss Fudge, Ms. Edris, Dr. Gardner, Dr. Goebel-Lundholm, Mr. Griffin, Dr. Grotrian, Ms. Grotrian-Ryan, Dr. Hutchison, Dr. Ibrayeva, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Knape, Dr. Nevitt, Dr. Sharma

GUEST: Dr. Jodi Kupper

I. Dean Galardi called the meeting to order.

II. Minutes of the January 20, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion and second by Messrs. Griffin and Jackson.

III. Dean Galardi introduced Dr. Jodi Kupper, Dean of the School of Education, to discuss changes in the School of Education requirements for Business, Marketing and Information Technology (6-12) Option (BMIT).

Dr. Kupper advised that ED 205 - Educational Psychology had been removed from the BMIT program as a stand-alone course as its material has been embedded in other courses. That embeddedness will be strengthened. ED 205 will be offered fall 2012 and possibly during spring 2013 for those still needing the class.

Department members have found that graduates and teaching alumni think that they need a stronger technology background. ED 315 - Educational Technology has been added to the BMIT. This will be a three-hour course that will meet the needs of education graduates and also can be used for general-studies credit. This course will be a requirement for incoming education students.

IV. Dean Galardi shared and reviewed the new progress sheets for the Professional Studies academic programs. See the attached progress sheets.

A new Criminal Justice option is now available – Law and Society.

The Prelaw Option of the preprofessional programs is now a part of the School of Professional Studies oversight.

The new General Studies progress sheet was reviewed.

Dr. Nevitt inquired if Spanish will or would be offered routinely. Discussion of the need for a foreign-language program ensued.

Dean Galardi discussed how to handle substitutions for courses. Dr. Hutchison asked if a standardized list of substitutions could be developed.

V. Changes that have been approved:

A. The elimination of CMIS 101 as a prerequisite – motion and second by Mr. Jackson and Dr. Nevitt and approved.

B. The elimination of the BUS 373 as a prerequisite for BUS 380

C. The elimination of SOWK 300 as a prerequisite for other SOWK classes

D. BUS 495 course description change and prerequisite change

E. PSYC 495 course description change and prerequisite change

F. CJUS 495 course description change and prerequisite change

VI. Department members reviewed the course proposal for HP 3XX Global Studies and Development presented by Dr. Elina Ibrayeva. The class is designed as an honors course and explores complex global issues from an interdisciplinary perspective (technological, economic, legal, and cultural). The class will be available the spring of 2013. Dr. Asmussen moved to approve the course proposal, and Dr. Goebel-Lundholm seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

VII. Department members reviewed a proposal for the modification of the general studies portion of the Bachelor of Applied Science – Management. Students will complete at least one class in each of the five areas of general studies: Collegiate Skills, Technology and Its Application, Perspectives on Values, Thoughts and Aesthetics, Method of Inquiry and Explanatory Schema, and Community, Regional and Global Studies. Statistics (STAT 210) will be required within the Collegiate Skills area. Students will still be required to complete 30 hours of general studies classes. International Business (BUS 480) may be used to satisfy the Community, Regional and Global Studies requirement for BAS students only.

Dr. Grotrian moved to approve the proposal; Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
VIII. Advising tips from Ms. Dixie Teten, Director of the Office of Student Records, were reviewed.
A. Math 120 has been eliminated completely. All Business students will be required to complete Math 112-College Algebra if they have not taken Math 120 previously.
B. HPER 101 will not be required of new students beginning Fall 2012. HPER 101 will not be required of students graduating December of 2012 or later. If students graduating August 2012 have not satisfied the Wellness and Activity requirements and they are the only requirements remaining unsatisfied, those students can seek a waiver of the requirements from the department Dean. If approved, that Dean would then notify Student Records personnel of the waiver.

IX. Committee chairs reported on curriculum mapping efforts.
A. Mr. Jackson advised that he had designed a survey mapped to the comprehensive business examination using 28 items and that he had introduced, reinforced and emphasized items focused on the business core.
B. Dr. Asmussen indicated that their committee has done something similar looking at the objectives of each class.
C. Dr. Nevitt advised that the Psychology committee had met twice mapping experiences to best prepare people for the capstone course.

Dean Galardi advised capstone instructors to study the survey that Mr. Jackson uses for his capstone course.

X. Dr. Bliss Fudge advised that work for preapproval for the social work classes (for counselor licensing purposes) continues. Information has been submitted; as yet, no word has been received.

XI. Mr. Knape advised that no more than two accounting classes should be taken in a semester; and when taking BUS 337 or BUS 371, only one accounting class should be taken during a semester.

XII. Department faculty made ballot votes on nominees for receipt of the Troy Rippen and Nona Palmer scholarships. Final result: Nona Palmer Scholarship to Jessica Huffman and Troy Rippen Scholarship to Josh West-Lesher.

XIII. Dean Galardi advised that syllabi for the three COLL 101 classes will need revisions now that the classes are two credits in lieu of one.

XIV. A handout about Peru State College student life was distributed.

XV. Faculty Updates:
A. Dr. Hutchison reminded faculty members about the presentation, “The Morality of Capitalism” scheduled for April 11, 2012. Faculty members were encouraged to attend the presentation and the luncheon scheduled after the presentation.

B. Dr. Hutchison additionally mentioned the upcoming Law School Student Symposium with luncheon for symposium workers.

C. Ms. Grotrian-Ryan reported that Peru State PBL members would be attending the PBL Student Conference in Kearney on March 29, 2012. The National Conference will be held in San Antonio during the summer.

D. Ms. Grotrian-Ryan reminded faculty members that PBL is hosting a competition scheduled for Friday, April 13th. Forty students are participating in the competition – several are Dr. Asmussen’s and Dr. Crook’s students. There will be an awards dinner the evening of April 13th.

E. Dr. Goebel-Lundholm reported that two positions on the Faculty Senate are open for faculty members interested in running for the positions: Senator at Large and Chair Elect.

F. Dr. Grotrian reported that the Rank Promotion Tenure Committee has been working to narrow down and to make more direct the required materials needed for promotion and tenure.

G. Dr. Grotrian reported that the new Faculty Athletic Representative is Dr. Ellie Kunkel.
H. Dr. Asmussen reported that NETV is exploring the possibility of doing a documentary about the inside-out class.

I. Dr. Nevitt reported that the Assessment Committee has been reviewing a possible change in the level of score used to place incoming students in remedial English and math.

J. Dr. Sharma reported that the Diversity Committee would be circulating a Campus Climate Survey for all members of the campus community to complete.

K. Dean Galardi asked that all department members receiving promotions or tenure or both to stand and be recognized:
   
   Dr. Kelli Gardner  
   Dr. Mary Goebel-Lundholm  
   Ms. Sheri Grotrian-Ryan  
   Mr. Alan Jackson  
   Dr. James Nevitt

XVI. Dean Galardi reminded faculty to complete the mandatory Blackboard training.

XVII. Next meeting: April 30, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

XVIII. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

See new progress sheets as separate document on School of Professional Studies minutes web page.