**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

April 19, 2013

Present: Acklin, Clarke, McCandless, Montgomery, Oline, Goodson, Smith, Walsh

Guests: Peter Wu, Kirk Mickelsen, Michael Walker

The meeting began at 12:31 p.m. The minutes from the April 12 meeting were accepted.

Physics and Engineering

Peter Wu attended the meeting. He gave background on the reasons for introducing PH 101, 102, 103 as cross-listings for the existing ENGR 101, 102, 103. The course titles and descriptions for both sets will be revised to be comparable. Wu also explained expectations of students’ mathematics background and need to work independently at the more advanced levels.

Credits in some of the courses (especially labs) will increase to reflect the amount of work required in class and out of class. He described pre-lab requirements, contact hours, and assignments. The increase in credits seems to be consistent with the credit structure for other lab courses.

Montgomery/Oline moved to approve the increase in credits and revised course description for PH 336, and to adopt the other proposed changes for physics and engineering; the motion passed 5Y/0N/0A. Wu departed the meeting.

Military Science

Major Kirk Micklesen and Sgt. Michael Walker attended the meeting to present eleven new military science courses needed as a result of federal requirements. The Federal Tuition Assistance program for students (National Guard, Army Reserves, ROTC, and active duty personnel) will not fund courses taken more than once, so the program has revised some courses that were previously taken for repeat credit, so they have unique course numbers. The committee discussed the requirements of the program and how these new courses fit with the curriculum. Clarke/McCandless moved to approve the military science courses; the motion passed 5Y/0N/0A.

Education

The Education department overlooked the need to decrease the credits in ED 463A from 4 credits to 3 credits, when an ED 399 writing course was added. There were questions about the expanded writing requirement, and whether the course content for ED 463A had actually been reduced as a result. Acklin will ask for more information and report back to the committee.

PE 180/PEA 180

Current PE 180 courses are proposed to change to PEA [Physical Education Activities] 180 and be managed by Athletics instead of HPEL. Enrollment Services has recommended that all PE 180 courses be changed to PEA 180, but Donna Mills from HPEL is not sure PE 180 should be completely converted to PEA 180. More information is needed about discontinuing PE 180, but the committee was agreeable to establishing PEA 180. McCandless/Montgomery moved to create the new prefix/course PEA 180; the motion passed 4Y/1A[Oline]/0N.

HSEM courses

Acklin reported that she has spoken to Karen Stone about the HSEM courses being developed, and these will be ready soon.

Other

The April 26 meeting will begin at 1:00, and be back in Library 329. (Montgomery won’t be able to attend.)

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.