**Curriculum Committee**

Monday, April 15, 2019

**Present:** Larry Shrewsbury, Laura Jessup, Emily Miller-Francisco, Michael Stanfill; Jody Waters, Lee Ayers.

**Guests**: John King

The meeting began at 3:32pm.

The minutes from the April 4th meeting were accepted.

**EDUCATION**

John King discussed the proposed changes in Education. Shrewsbury asked if anyone had concerns about the prerequisites for the proposed new courses. Committee members did not mention any concerns. Shrewsbury said everything that he had questions or concerns about in previous iterations looks to have been addressed.

Jessup said she missed a previous meeting at which this may have been discussed, but noted that many of the faculty who will be teaching the new courses are adjuncts and asked if there is any concern about whether they will be serving in this role long-term. Shrewsbury said this was indeed discussed at a previous meeting, and these are long-term adjuncts with considerable expertise in the field. King agreed and said this is also the case with the current program, so it is not something that would be new if the proposed changes are approved. Shrewsbury said this program is very different from other programs in that way. King said the instructors are currently running early childhood education programs and teaching for us as well; they’re all current practitioners in early childhood education. He said the current group has been teaching with SOU for 8-10 years. Oliveri asked about the turnover. King said the group is pretty static, and they meet on a quarterly basis. He said these instructors are committed partners.

Jessup asked about the level of work expected for the courses that are being renumbered and if this was discussed at the meeting she was unable to attend. Shrewsbury and Oliveri confirmed that this was discussed at that earlier meeting and the courses being renumbered seem to be more appropriate for the level being proposed now than where they have been.

Jessup asked about the title of ECE 470, which has a different title in the new course proposal than in the summary. The Committee believed that the title in the new course proposal would be the correct one to appear in the catalog, if approved. [However, the title in the new course proposal originally submitted was changed in agreement with the program to the one listed in the summary, so the title in the summary, “Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Action,” is what the program would like.]

Waters said that on her own behalf and on behalf of the people in Enrollment Services, she wanted to express appreciation for the changes made by the program since the original submission and all the time and care taken by the program to address concerns that were raised.

King confirmed that the title of the program will continue to be Early Childhood Development, though the newly created prefix will be ECE for Early Childhood Education. He said Early Childhood Education is being created at the graduate level so that prefix will work for both graduate and undergraduate courses. He said Early Childhood Development fits inside Early Childhood Education, so this works out well.

Oliveri/Miller-Francisco moved to approve the proposed changes in Education; the motion passed, 5Y/0N/0A.

The meeting ended at 3:45pm.