Faculty Council Minutes - October 30, 2012

Present: Julie Buffington, Larry Knopp, Michael Kula, Ellen Moore, Jenny Quinn, Steve Ross, and Ingrid Walker (minutes). Not present: Deirdre Raynor

Agenda provided by Steve Ross.
Meeting was called to order at 12:34 and adjourned at 1:30.

IAS Director’s Report and Discussion

- IAS Internship Coordinator Search: Larry shared the proposed committee composition and asked for FC input about a faculty representative. The committee will likely include: Julie Buffington (supervisor) an Academic Adviser, a Student Services representative and a faculty representative. Lisa Hoffman, community engagement, will be involved after the first application review.

Discussion included: the need to include representatives from disciplinary areas at the interview stage, potential representatives, and the importance of the faculty representative consulting with faculty groups to represent their concerns. The Council recommended that it would be preferable to approach a faculty member who had historical perspective and more global awareness of internship needs.

- CLEP Equivalency Process: Expert faculty groups have nearly finished making recommendations about CLEP approvals. As Curriculum Committee for IAS, the Council agreed to review the recommendations and make a final decision. Faculty Council will report back to the faculty and Admissions/Registrar regarding IAS CLEP equivalencies.

Faculty Council Actions

- Minutes from October 23, 2012 meeting approved.

- Part-time Lecturers:
  - Jennifer Myers was approved to teach in Winter 2013.
  - Contingent approval of Tony Brown to teach Public Relations Writing. Discussion included Brown’s credentials and a recommendation to confirm Brown’s professional writing history/clips. The Council delegated authority for approval to Bill Kunz with the request that he review Brown’s recommendations).

Curriculum Proposals

To be reviewed electronically by the Nov 6 Faculty Council meeting.

Council Discussion Topics

- ELL – Michael Kula shared that Writing faculty are discussing the ELL needs of international students. Discussion noted the 2 credit course, TWRT 111, for basic ELL student support, the question of serving broader needs with writing support through a placement test, and optional vs. mandated placement. The Council and IAS leadership would like to see a
proposal come forward. Larry noted that the OUE Director and Asst. Director may also be working on this with regard to the campus-wide focus on retention.

- Clickers – Consideration of (four) Psychology faculty request to require students purchase clickers included: benefit to students/faculty, cost to students and IAS, whether IAS could fund the clickers and software, loaning them to students for a deposit, buy-back percentage of original cost. FC recommended that Psychology look into cost and forward details to the Council.

- MAIS program – Members of the MAIS Steering Committee approached the Leadership Team and Faculty Council with questions about the MAIS the structure, governance, and effectiveness in meeting student needs. An MAIS Task Force was proposed look into these issues. The Leadership team reached consensus about the need to clarify the various MAIS Core courses and what their learning outcomes are. The Director reported agreement in the Leadership team that this needs to happen and suggested this be an agenda item for the Nov. 6 Leadership/Council joint meeting.