



MEETING MINUTES APRIL 16, 2021

9-11 a.m. via Zoom

Meeting called to order: 9:06 a.m.

In attendance: Sam Byington, Cheryl Cardoza, Melissa Deadmond, Jinger Doe (Chair), John Fitzsimmons, Mark Maynard, Jennifer Pierce, Jon Reddick-Lau, Sharif Rumjahn, Jen Salisbury, Stephanie Walden, Karen Wikander

Guests: Amber Anaya

Approval of the March 26, 2021 Minutes

Karen Wikander moved to approve and Sharif Rumjahn seconded the motion to approve the March 26, 2021 Academic Standards and Assessment Committee minutes. The committee approved the minutes with 1 abstention.

Old/New Business

Update on Quantitative Reasoning learning outcomes: Chair Jinger Doe reported she has received support from math, physical sciences, and biology departments to change the quantitative reasoning GELOs to the WICHE Passport outcomes. Jinger will send this to the Curriculum Review Committee.

It was moved to change the outcomes to align with the WICHE Passport by Mark Maynard and seconded by Jennifer Pierce. The committee approved the motion.

Academic Dishonesty Policy/Cheating Forum: The committee decided to present a panel on the Academic Dishonesty Policy for Fall Kickoff. There was discussion about an attempt by Professional Standards to provide their own panel on this topic. Committee members suggested presenting a statement to be read at Faculty Senate as part of Jinger’s committee report that affirmed the charges of the ASA Committee and asked that other committees respect those charges. A statement was drafted and a vote from the Senators was also suggested.

It was moved by Mark Maynard and seconded by Karen Wikander that the resolution drafted by the ASA be read in full by the ASA chair in her next committee report at the Faculty Senate Meeting. The motion passed.

Complete History PUR: The committee reviewed the History PUR from the March 26, 2021 meeting. We did not have quorum at the march meeting. The previous votes and discussion points were agreed upon with no changes.

I. Program Unit Overview

I.a
Emerging

II. Current Status of the Program/Unit

II.a
Developed

III. Program Curriculum and Offerings

III. a.
N/A

III.b
Developed

III.c
Emerging

III.d
Developed

IV. Program Assessment

IV.a
Developed

IV.b
Highly Developed

IV.c
Emerging

IV.d
Emerging

IV.e
Emerging

V. Enrollment

V.a
Emerging

V.b
Developed

VI. Student Success

VI.a
Developed

*The committee continued their review History PUR from this point.

VI. b
Emerging

VII. Resources

VII. a
Emerging

It was agreed the department needs to provide more justification for an additional full-time faculty member due to increased enrollment.

VIII. Future Directions

VIII. a
Developed

The committee noted there was admirable discussion on the need to improve assessment methodology.

Melissa Deadmond and Jon Reddick-Lau joined the meeting.

VIII. b
Emerging

VIII. c
Initial

VIII. d
Emerging

IX. Resources Request

IX.a
Initial

The committee noted justification for the iPads is needed. The committee also discussed pass and completion rates of the department and noted the 5-year average is on par with the college.

Review of Dean's Comments for History PUR:

The committee agrees with the Dean's assessment of strengths, but recommend reaching out to part-time students as it is not addressed. There were lost opportunities to support requests.

Review of Dean's comments for Visual Arts PUR:

There was disagreement with folding the AA in Art History into Fine Arts. Art History is often used as a GenEd. It was also noted if a degree is in Fine Arts it yields a better chance of staying off of the low-yield list. The committee felt the information for Fine Arts emphasis was lacking, making recommendations difficult to assess.

Review of Dean's Comments for BIOL/CHS PUR's:

The following committee members from BIO and CHS recused themselves from the discussion: Jinger, Sharif, and Jon.

BIO: An issue was noted imposing a certain kind of grading on all faculty is a potential academic freedom issue and should be a departmental discussion not a requirement. It was suggested to give more room for academic freedom. The committee felt the PUR was excellent and the committee supports the Dean's comments.

CHS: The committee agrees with the Dean's recommendations for improvement.

Next meeting: May 7, 2021

Meeting adjourned: 11:09 a.m.