AGENDA ITEM #5.a.

Curriculum Committee Report to AASC Report
December 6, 2013

60/120 Credit Waiver

At Friday, December 6, CC meeting — the committee re-reviewed the waiver paperwork for programs that did NOT lower LAS credits to 15. SCC was working from an old MnSCU Checklist for waivers and did not catch the LAS piece. Programs with more than 15 LAS credits needed to tie these specific LAS courses/credits to program student learning outcomes. Nine (9) AAS offerings came before the Curriculum Committee again with either a Program Redesign lowering LAS credits or justification tied to program student learning outcomes to keep LAS credits above 15.

Announcements

Upcoming Deadlines for eCatalog
• Attached flyer outlines specific dates for Spring Semester 2014 for Fall 2014 eCatalog

Upcoming Discussion topics — some moving to AASC policy and procedure approval

Curriculum Committee Redesign to Reconvene
• Clarify the approval process for new programs (intent to MnSCU with or without CCOs?), redesigned programs, and common course outlines
  • Look at Redesign Committee to review flow chart to include Department Chair review and signature, now that department chairs have been identified for all programs; model this document after revised flow chart – then revise this policy/procedure form
  • What should be on CCO – Redesign Committee – what is in the ‘description area,’ number of hours?, should MnTC goal areas be spelled out in a different part of the CCO?
  • Do Learning Objective changes need to come to CC? OR all curriculum changes, including Learning Objectives should come before CC. Question(s) to be clarified with CC Redesign Committee and approval with AASC
    • Need to be cognizant of Student Affairs staffs’ time constraints to make changes to eCatalog

Unspecified LAS Courses in AAS Degree Offerings
• What level of LAS credits need to be expressed as unspecified on degrees, as a requirement? Can all LAS credits be unspecified? Is there a percentage that should be specified, this is not clearly defined but peer reviewers look at this; AASC can mandate a percentage of unspecified LAS credits to be specified

CCOs within eCatalog
• Need to look at all CCO’s on website (ENGL 100 – mock CCO, not intended to be on web site), includes Competencies, but no Objectives; no CCO for ENGL 100 on web site, no BIOL 100 (needs Learning Outcomes). Tried direct download between WIDS and ecatalog, coding was not correct, will be doing an audit to make a fix.

WIDS Update
• Updated WIDS format is coming; more information will be coming