

Curricular Affairs Committee
Minutes for Meeting of Friday, January 20, 2017
10:30-11:30 AM, Wood Center Room "B" (Downstairs)

Present: Ken Abramowicz; Casey Byrne via Zoom; Mike Earnest; Alex Fitts; Cindy Hardy via Zoom; Ginny Kinne; Kate Quick; Dejan Raskovic; Eileen Harney, and Jayne Harvie.

Mike Earnest volunteered to take the Minutes.

The agenda was approved.

Old Business

Eileen gave a quick update on the Ethnobotany Minor and reported that one issue that had raised concern (frequency of offerings) was not reflecting the practice of the department. Minor course changes had been made.

Discussion on BOR's School of Education Decision

Eileen reported that she had broached the possibility of a senior faculty member from English coming to speak with CAC about possible ramifications of the decision. The reasoning behind inviting an English representative was stated as English and Education have close ties. It was determined, however, that too little is known currently about the impact the decision will have. An English representative will be willing to have that conversation with CAC once more details have come forward.

The committee questioned what definitive information regarding the SoEd Decision was known at that point. Alex Fitts confirmed that not much was known and gave a broad outline of the anticipated timeline for visits and possible actions.

For the remainder of the meeting, various committee members posed questions and voiced concerns about accreditation, implementation timelines, and the impact of the SoEd decision on requirements. There was a brief discussion of UAA Faculty Senate's Special Meeting and Vote of No Confidence in President Johnson. Concerns regarding consequences of the gloom and doom, public-directed narrative of UA were voiced (e.g. student enrollment and morale, staff and faculty morale).

Wrap up: Possible people to invite to CAC in the future include Dani' Sheppard and Rich Carr. Ken suggested asking the Provost for directives to be given to particular Faculty Senate Committees at AdCom. Alex reiterated that we do not know much about the repercussions of the SoEd yet.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35.