

Community College of Philadelphia

Institution-Wide Committee

Regular Meeting

Monday March 31, 2008

2:00 p.m.

Isadore A. Schragger Boardroom

Minutes

Presiding: Pascal Scoles

Present: Administration: Jane Grosset (alternate voting at this meeting), Sharon Thompson

Faculty Federation: James Cochran, Richard Keiser (alternate voting at this meeting), Gary Mullin

Students: Mary Anderson

Guests: Paula Behrens, Christopher DiCapua, David Prejsnar, Pete Watkins

The meeting was called to order by Pascal Scoles.

Minutes of February 25, 2008

Motion: Accept the minutes of February 25, 2008 (Thompson/Mullin)

Vote: Seven in favor

Action: Motion approved.

Proposal for a Revision to the Liberal Arts –International Studies Curriculum and the Consequent Creation of an International Studies Curriculum

An introduction to the major changes to the curriculum was provided by Christopher DiCapua. The curriculum has been in existence since 1995 and currently has 37 students. The goal of the revision is to provide flexibility for students and to allow for their diverse goals and interest and transfer needs. The proposal identifies changes which include making the curriculum a stand alone curriculum, eliminating the concentration category, eliminating the requirement of world history and world geography by broadening the choice of electives and changing the foreign language requirement to one year.

There were questions raised about the advisability of the above changes and whether the curriculum had sacrificed rigor for flexibility. There was discussion about transfer and the requirements at the four year level.

Motion: Accept the proposal to revise the Liberal Arts – International Studies Curriculum as presented. (Keiser/Mullin)

Vote: Five in favor
Two Abstentions
Action: Motion approved

Proposal for a Revision to the Facility Management Program

Paula Behrens described the changes to the curriculum which included changing the concentrations to separate options making the catalog clearer for students and more in line with Banner requirements, and several minor changes to course electives. In addition, the number of credits to complete the degree was corrected.

Motion: Accept the proposal to revise the Facility Management Curriculum as presented.(Thompson/Keiser)

Vote: Seven in favor

Action: Motion approved

New Business

The committee discussed the question of whether proxy votes are legitimate given that the committee has designated alternates. The question of whether a quorum was needed was also discussed. The committee agreed to discuss the issue in greater detail at the next meeting.

Pascal Scoles informed the committee that he noted that meetings for the 2008-2009 year have been scheduled to begin at 2:30 instead of 2:00 p.m. and further that they are scheduled to end at 5:00 p.m. He agreed to contact Pam Gallimore for clarification and will report to the committee at our next meeting.

Old Business

None