SAH College Committee

Minutes of Friday, 07 December 2012 (2200 Centennial)

Present: Marty Allen (Computer Science), Colin Belby (Geography & Earth Science), Curt Czerwinski (Chemistry), Brian Gordon (Exercise & Sport Science), Susan Kelly (Mathematics), Dave Reineke (Mathematics), Mark Sandheinrich (Biology), Michael Winfrey (Microbiology)

Excused: Seth King (Physics), Shelly Lesher (Physics)

1. Meeting convened at 2:15 PM.


3. Noted: Carla Burkhardt had contacted the committee about a proposal by Occupational Therapy to change where some off-campus credits were coming from; after consultation with the Dean’s office, this was found to be in the purview of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee rather than the College Committee (since it does not involve changing credit count or creation of a new program), and the issue was removed from our slate.

4. Dave Reineke explained the proposal by Math to replace the Math Major with Statistic Emphasis with a new Statistics Major, and also add a Statistics Major with Concentration in Actuarial Science; this is now in the Authorization to Implement phase.

   • As outlined in the document given to the Committee, the change is a re-packaging of existing course requirements into a self-contained major. Given the increased number of staff in Math with terminal degrees in Statistics, offering the new Major programs is now plausible, and will serve to attract students, given that no other UW system school outside of Madison offers a Statistics major per se, whereas a number of nearby Minnesota schools do.

   • Discussion involved the positives for students in terms of the high-paying jobs available, and the improvement of options for a Minor.

   • Clarified: MTH 305 (Stats Methods), listed in online catalogue for related sub-programs was renumbered previously to 405 (slash course)

   • While there were some comments on editing the document, there was general support for the proposal.

   • M/S/P (unanimous): to support the proposal from Math to proceed with the Statistics Major and associated Concentration in Actuarial Science.

5. Old business: we are still waiting on the Dean’s formal charge on assessment; CS will move forward with 1-credit skills courses for SAH students as previously discussed.

6. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Allen