

SCS CC Meeting Minutes
Jan 21, 2016

Present: Amiee Shelton (Chair), Gina Bianco, Katrina Norvell, Taino Palermo, Dennis Rebelo, Jamie Scurry (Non voting).

10:00

Quick discussion on current procedures and sign-offs for new programs/courses going forward

Procedures previously implemented remain in effect.

Discussion concerned concerning state of current course and program petitions: AS degree in CJ, (AS in EMS and an AS in PA to be forthcoming).

NOTE: AS= Associate of Science Degree, AA= Associate of Arts Degree

Problem discussed was as follows: Despite the SCS CC approving the AS in CJ, and the CJ program in Bristol signing off on the AS in Providence, the Senate Curriculum Committee Chair has not presented the committee the proposals. Instead the chair bounced back the petitions with a note that a business plan must be attached.

However, these petitions (including the forthcoming AS in EMS and AS in PA) do not represent new programs, but refines the language found within the catalog. Furthermore, discussion revealed that these AS degrees have been previously printed in past catalogues, making all these AS petitions minor changes, therefore not requiring a business plan per Provost Workman.

Regarding the AA in General Studies, the committee disagrees that this program needs a business plan also, but that more work may be needed regarding the petition as the specific words "General Studies" has not previously been associated with an AA degree. In the most recent and current catalogues, the AA degree is not defined into specific names.

Credit Documentation from Community Development PD

Nonstandard and standard credit documentation was defined and procedures explained. The committee was informed that documentation from the student and external reviewer was approved by the Program Director, and double-checked by a second program director. Therefore Jennifer Joanassaint was granted 9 credits towards her program of study. These credits were for the courses: Grant writing, Project Management, and Leadership.

Future credit documentation will not be done externally, but through the SCS CC

committee, which is comprised of various subject matter experts. In some cases, the committee may seek external validation. Towards this end, the committee will begin identifying subject matter experts to build a database from which to reach out to in when needed.

New course: Professional Presentations from Liberal Arts PD

Course SCS/300 (to be PR 300), Professional Presentations.
Approved for first reading. All in favor. No changes recommended.
E-ballot will be sent out prior to Senate CC meeting

New Course: Cultural Awareness from Liberal Arts PD

D: Course SCS/150 (to be PR 150). Cultural Awareness in a Global Society
Approved for first reading. All in favor. Suggested that changes in formatting be made to align with format from above course.
E-ballot will be sent out prior to Senate CC meeting

Other Business

- Discussion concerning program alignment: PD's will look to adjuncts and meet as a school to determine potential cross over and build robust interdisciplinary programs.
- Discussion concerning what communication related courses will be needed to be considered when building the new PR program.
- Conversation regarding getting advisors up to speed with SCS vision and new programs
- Standardizing syllabi going forward to mirror the SCS300/ PR 300 Syllabus that connects program competencies to individual courses and learning outcomes.

Meeting Adjourned 11:15