

**Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee
Summarized Meeting Notes
Friday, October 5, 2012**

The Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee (FSCC) met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 5, 2012 in Roberts room, Scholes Hall. Chair Kathleen Keating presided over the meeting.

Members Present:

Robben Baca (Graduate Studies/ex officio), Elizabeth Barton (Office of the Registrar/ex officio), Thomas Beach (UNM-Los Alamos), Bradley Cullen (Geography), Julie Depree (UNM-Valencia), Matthew Fleischer (ASUNM), Vicki Gianopoulous (Surgery Dental Hygiene), Alexander Gonzalez (University Registrar), Steven Harris (University Libraries/ex officio), Steven Homer (School of Law), Kun Huang (School of Public Administration), Sudharman Jayaweera (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Nancy Lopez (Sociology), Carolyn Montoya (College of Nursing), Leslie Oakes (Anderson School of Management), Mary Tsiongas (Art and Art History), Kathryn Watkins (College of Education), Joel Whitehead (UNM-Taos), Kristina Wittstrom (College of Pharmacy)

Members Excused:

Stephanie Hands (Advisement/ex officio), Kuppsawamy Iyengar (School of Architecture and Planning)

Members Absent:

Leslie Danielson (School of Medicine), Irene Vasquez (American Studies Dept.)

Vacant Positions:

GPSA

Guests Present:

Ruth Luckasson (Special Education), Joanna Cosbey (Special Education)

The FSCC discussed and took action on the following agenda items:

1. Introductions.

2. Approval of the agenda for October 5, 2012. *Approved.*

3. Approval of the meeting notes from Friday, September 7, 2012. *Approved.*

4. Forms B. *Approved.*

- a. Foreign Languages and Literatures to create Advanced Seminar in French Studies FREN 485 (3) [B 922]. ***Tabled. K Keating will email department regarding prerequisite concerns, then FSCC will vote via email. [NOTE: Through email, Prof. Bishop agreed to include prerequisites of two 300 level courses]***
- b. Peace Studies to create Topics in Peace Studies PCST 340 (3) [B 947]

5. Forms C. *Approved.*

- a. General Studies, UNM Los Alamos to revise Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts [C 991]

6. Forms D. *Approved.*

- a. Form D from Dept. of Educational Specialties, Special Education Program to create Transcribed Graduate Certificate in Educational Diagnosis – Assistant Professor Joanne Cosbey

7. New Business.

- a. MOOC – Massive open online course <http://chronicle.com/article/Into-the-Future-With-MOOCs/134080/>

Udacity offers online courses taught by professors from accredited and prestigious universities. The student pays a fee for the course (some courses are free) and then another fee to Pearson for testing and certification of completion (if passed). It is unclear if student pays UNM course tuition if UNM accepts the credits.

UNM Provost is investigating the possibilities of granting credit to students taking such courses.

FSCC concerns: The instructors are from an accredited institution, but the courses are not taught through that institution. The company offering the courses is commercial and proprietary. Is the professor a sort of “free agent” or is there institutional support? What does this mean for acceptable transfer credit?

These courses should fall under current transfer credit policy, but may, in some cases, be applied toward elective hours. UNM has a challenge process involving an exam, and if the challenge is successful, then the student must pay credit hour fee. However, this process applies only to courses UNM offers. Departments or Schools may have other procedures in place (e.g. School of Pharmacy).

What about quality of content? If instructor is not backed by institution, there is risk of specialized courses being taught by instructor with general knowledge.

- b. Assessment of core update: working with Tom Root on rubric to present Provost Committee on Advisement.
- c. Curriculum Deadline is November 2.
- d. Follow-up on Diversity Inclusion course: meeting with undergraduate committee. Contact nlopez@unm.edu for more information, or to get involved.

8. Comments from Associate Provost for Curriculum, Dr. Gregory Heileman. N/A

9. Adjourn. 10:45 a.m.

Next meeting November 2, 2012, 10:00 a.m., Roberts room, Scholes Hall.

Recorded by Diana M. Sanchez, Office of the Registrar
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