

Curriculum Committee

February 1, 2008

Minutes

BSS 109 1:00 p.m.

Members present: Faith Hodges, Kathy Hughes, Gregg Davis, Linda Soper, George Shryock, Phil MacGregor, Sue Justis, Janice Alexander, and Brenda Rudolph.

Others present: Dan Voermans, Rick Halverson, Lynn Farris, Marlene Stoltz, Sharon Nau, Colleen Unterreiner, Cindy Kiefer, and Nancy Clawson.

Minutes

Faith Hodges moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2007, and Sue Justis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Action Items

- **Graduation Requirement Waiver Forms** – both were approved.
- **Substance Abuse Counseling Moratorium** – Kathy Hughes reminded the committee that Substance Abuse Counseling was placed on moratorium with recommendations. Rick Halverson spoke to the challenges identified earlier and addressed them all. He reported that since the last legislative session, the state will now fund several new programs, as opposed to being grant-funded in the past. The funding helps. The need is there, as proven by a state-wide shortage of addiction counselors. One of the previous issues was a lack of clinical sites. This is no longer the case. Flathead Valley Chemical Dependency Clinic will oversee a new program in Lake County. In addition, a women's treatment facility also opened in the valley. Clinical hours have been reduced from 400 to 300 hours, which will impact how many students can get into a clinical site. In the past, one to two students could do clinicals and now with the addition of these facilities and the reduced clinical hours, eight to twelve students can participate. This will not be an academic issue, as UGF and FVCC are the only two schools who require students to do clinicals/internships. This will still provide students the opportunity for a wider range of experiences. Rick is on a state-wide task force that wants to see addiction education courses in all counseling programs. Several of the Substance Abuse courses are available online. When asked about the job market, Rick replied that Flathead Valley Chemical Dependency Clinic is expanding, and it is FVCC's chief employer of its Substance Abuse Counseling AAS graduates. The University of Montana offers a Bachelor of Social Work with an addiction emphasis. Rick is working with UM to accept FVCC's transfer credits. George Shryock says he has seen an increased interest and demand for the program and supports it. Janice Alexander moved to take Substance Abuse

Counseling out of moratorium, and Faith Hodges seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Information/Discussion Items

- **“I” grades** – Cindy Kiefer, Director of Financial Aid, explained that Financial Aid has to monitor the progress of “I” grades and provided a draft that faculty members would complete if they awarded an “I” grade, along with a change in the catalog language. A discussion followed, and George Shryock suggested this be brought before the Faculty Senate.
- **Program Review Progress Updates**
 - Building Trades – successfully addressed all recommendations.
 - Computer Science – The perception is that all jobs in this area are going off-shore when, in fact, there are many IT jobs around. There was a consensus to convene a cross-disciplinary group on campus to discuss the future goals of all computer-based programs.
 - Criminal Justice – could be a huge program. Support was voiced for the recommendation of a full-time criminal justice instructor for the AAS/transfer programs.
 - Geography/Geology – The division chair will discuss and try to assist in implementing recommendations by the semester’s end.
 - Natural Resources Management – A recommendation about this program was tabled until the next meeting. Faith Hodges will bring the last several years’ enrollments to this meeting.
 - Office Technology – Brenda Rudolph reported that she will hold an advisory committee meeting to discuss the future of these programs and have changes ready for the new catalog.
 - Surveying – successfully addressed all recommendations.
- **Report on fall semester learning communities** – Lynn Farris - **TABLED**
- **Prerequisites and waivers of prerequisites** – Pat Pezzelle - **TABLED**
- **Waiver of advising** – Pat Pezzelle - **TABLED**
- **College For a Day update** – Janice Alexander said the student numbers from Glacier High and Flathead High Schools weren’t finalized yet. Twenty-three workshops are planned with one faculty member presenting at each. Five sessions will run from 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. with three sessions in the morning, lunch, and then two sessions in the afternoon.
- **Peru Immersion**, July 1 – August 12. This trip was approved. A formal review of the international programs will be held after the Nepal trip.
- **Interim summer 2008 schedule** – please review and return changes to Mel Settle.

