12 Oct 2012 Minutes of the College Undergraduate (UG) Curriculum Committee

Members Present: Terry Adler, Dennis Clason, Michelle Jasso, Justine Adkisson, Michael Loera, & Greg Roth

Guests: Nate Whitten & Sherry Mills

Absent: Kevin McNelis & Kathy Brook

Meeting Called to Order at 1300.

First Order of Business:

We reviewed the UG Curriculum Committee checklist (attached with this set of minutes). Many of the items on the checklist are completed. The committee will explore in the Spring 2013 semester mechanisms by which the CoB can raise the quality of undergraduate student performance (e.g., changes to admission policies, degree requirements, major requirements, etc.). The committee will also continue to review whether “Business Knowledge” needs to be added as an additional CoB goal—the AACSB review team encouraged our committee to consider this as a potential change to the CoB curriculum. Finally, the committee will continue to monitor the development of a new “Diversity” set of materials as proposed by the ad hoc team of Grace Ann Rosile, David Boje, Carolyn Chavez, Richard Oliver, and Judy Weisinger.

Second Order of Business:

We reviewed information provided by Nate regarding the length of time students have taken to complete upper-division courses in the CoB. Nate’s report accounted for 1,585 students over the past four years. The data indicated that there was really no difference in the amount of credit hours students would lose if it took them anywhere between 5 to 27 years to complete these hours. If the college were to limit the time students were to complete their upper division courses in the CoB, then it would appear that over 95% of students would not be affected by an “8 year” maximum time limit. The committee discussed the 8-year time limit and found it to a reasonable time for students to complete their upper division courses as compared to other colleges at NMSU—they have between 5 to 10 year time limits. Dennis Clason moved and Greg Roth seconded a motion to adopt an 8-year time limit and to further investigate how other NMSU colleges are implementing their time limit policies. This committee will investigate this issue and provide a report at the CoB Fall 2013 Convocation. This would mean that if the college voted to approve the 8-year time limit at the Fall 2013 Convocation, it would go into Fall 2014 semester calendar. The results of the discussion were as follows:

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

Third Order of Business:

Terry Adler stepped down as chair of this committee. Greg Roth moved and Michelle Jasso seconded a motion to nominate Dennis Clason as the new chair for the remainder of this academic year. The results of the discussion were as follows:

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote

Meeting Adjourned at 1430.

There is no scheduled meeting for the remainder of the Fall 2012 semester.

Submitted by: Terry Adler, Outgoing Chair