14 Oct 2011 Minutes of the College Undergraduate (UG) Curriculum Committee

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

Guests:                 Sherry Mills

Members Absent:   Kathy Brook and Kevin McNelis

Meeting Called to Order at 0930.

First Order of Business:

The committee reviewed a draft summary (provided by Terry) of all “Closing the Loop” actions this committee has taken over the past 5 years. This data shows a very comprehensive list of actions which the CoB should be proud of in continuing the improvement of student learning. This data will serve as the basis for our response to the 5th Year Maintenance Report (currently being prepared) and a summary display being prepared by Michelle for presentation during next year’s CoB Reaffirmation visit. Greg added that the Economics Department did a lot of discussion that led to several actions in how to best teach Goal 5 (Problem Solving) that led to improved student learning. We expect to add to this to this summary data. As our “Closing the Loop” data is based on a living process, we expect to also add new “Closing the Loop” items from our department and college discussions at the Spring 2012 Convocation.

Second Order of Business:

Today’s meeting focused on continuing the process of mapping our UG core curriculum to ensure that all CoB goals are being taught in specific core courses. The committee agreed that a minimum of 2 or 3 courses per CoB goal is enough to ensure that the goal is being taught at an adequate level for student learning to occur. To summarize our committee’s discussion to date, the following UG core courses have been mapped with CoB undergraduate goals:

Goal 1a (Written Communication): ENGL 203, BCIS 338

Goal 1b (Oral Communication): MKTG 303, MGT 449/BUSA 421

Goal 2 (Diversity): MGT 309

Goal 3 (Information Technology): BCIS 110, BCIS 338

Goal 4a (Problem Solving): MGT 449/BUSA 421, FIN 341, ACCT 251, ACCT 252

Goal 4b (Critical Thinking): MGT 449/BUSA 421, FIN 341, ECON 251, ECON 252, ACCT 251, ACCT 252, MKTG 303

The committee highlighted the need to revise the components of Goal 2 (Diversity) as it is very limited in its focus on stereotypes. The committee believes that diversity is certainly an inclusive concept and
should be expanded to include all types of diversity (i.e., racial, socioeconomic, ability, background, geographic, etc.). We will thus be addressing this change in the Diversity rubric this semester which will also allow us to map more than just one UG core course to this goal.

We also discussed whether the BA 302—Principle-Based Ethics course should be “the” UG ethics course in core curriculum. We will have to wait and see what arises from departmental discussions on this topic.

**Third Order of Business:**

Kathy Brook provided a proposal with appropriate NMSU Course Action Form (CAF) for our review and approval. The proposal was to add an Honor’s course called “HON 384V—Ethical Decisions in Organizations” taught by Bruce Huhmann. This course provides a foundation in studying business ethics. Denis Clason moved and Greg Roth seconded a motion to approve the proposal. The relevant information is as follows:

Motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Meeting Adjourned at 1030.

Next meeting is scheduled for 21 October 2011 from 0930 to 1030 in BC134.

Submitted by: Terry Adler, Chair