MINUTES OF THE SERVICE-LEARNING SUBCOMMITTEE

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Members Present: R. Toro, S. Hart, B. Hays, L. Toste, C. Fiorentino, M. Jendian

Members Absent: B. Boone, B. Singh, L. Davis, Z. Bagdasarov, C. Lopez, X. Fu

The meeting was called to order at 1:41 by Rosa Toro.

1. The meeting agenda was approved.
2. The minutes from the April 1, 2016 meeting were approved.
3. Chris provided an update on five-year S course evaluations, including:
4. NUTR 166S – The committee’s requested syllabus changes were made and the course was approved for re-certification as an S course.
5. RA 77S - The committee’s requested syllabus changes were made and the

course was approved for re-certification as an S course.

1. CM 180AS – Recertification is pending a response from Brad Hyatt regarding requested syllabus changes.
2. BIOL 172S – The instructor, Professor Steve Blumenshine, informed Chris that Biology will not seek recertification of the course for S designation. Professor Blumenshine indicated that there were several reasons for this decision, including: the time commitment required to teach a service-learning course; the challenges with providing students alternative assignments and insuring equity between student projects; and Professor Blumenshine’s belief that the S recertification requirements were too intrusive.
3. Regarding new S course proposals, the following updates and votes were discussed:
4. Requested revision to the the WS 175S syllabus was provided to the committee. MSC to recommend the course for S certification.
5. Requested revision to the CDDS 168S syllabus was provided to the committee. MSC to recommend the course for S certification.
6. Requested revision to the CFS 143S syllabus was provided to the committee. MSC to recommend the course for S certification.
7. The working group that reviewed CLAS 172S indicated that minor revisions to the syllabus are needed. MSC to approve the course for S designation, provided the changes are made and a revised syllabus is submitted for review.
8. The working group that reviewed INTD 188S indicated that revisions to the syllabus are needed, and asks that a revised syllabus be submitted for review.

The committee requested that, whenever a syllabus is sent to a working group for review, the entire committee be cc’d on that email. That way, all committee members will have access to the syllabus.

The committee discussed the revised definition of service-learning. After it was discovered that the wrong draft of the definition was provided to the committee, it was decided to table the discussion until the September 2016 meeting. The current draft definition of service-learning reads:

*Service-learning is a method to enhance students’ learning and foster civic understanding through active participation in meaningful service linked to academic study through structured reflection. The community needs may include direct service to people in need, improvement of community resources, applied research, community outreach and education, or policy analysis and advocacy. The academic study may be in any discipline or combination of fields.*

With regard to committee membership, Lilliana Toste has agreed to serve another one-year term as a student representative. Carolina Lopez graduates this year and was thanked for her service on the committee. Chris will contact Associated Students, Inc. asking them to appoint a second student representative. Two ASI senators will be suggested as possible ASI representatives; Cora Cha and Alexis Gallo. Matt Jendian may provide one additional name for consideration, prior to reaching out to ASI.

The following fall 2016 meeting dates have been proposed. All meetings will take place on Fridays, from 1:30-2:30pm.

September 9th

October 7th

November 4th

December 2nd

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Fiorentino, May 7, 2016.