

DEPARTMENT MEETING MINUTES

Department of Business and Economics

Erlanson 304, October 20, 2008

Present: Greg Trudeau (Chair), Bob Beam, Kay Biga, Mei Cao, Ethan Christensen, Jerry Hembd, Bruce Kibler, Connie O'Brien, Chuck Reichert, Richard Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Greg Trudeau, Chair.

Minutes

The minutes from the September 12, 2008 meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting. The minutes were **approved** (Beam/Kibler).

Student Health & Counseling

Dawn Schulze from the office of Student Health and Counseling was introduced by Greg Trudeau (Chair). Dawn distributed a one page flyer on, "What Health Services are Available to Eligible Students" and discussed the role of her office. Dawn encouraged the faculty to keep an eye on students displaying erratic or abnormal behavior and to have no compunction in informing her office in (perceived) crucial situations, e.g. suicide, depression etc.

Richard commented that a student had just been lost to a competitive institution because of the lack of spouse coverage in such programs. Dawn responded that it was an issue that was being addressed.

"Essentials" Consortium

Greg Trudeau (Chair) introduced the "Essentials" Consortium paper which had been distributed with the agenda.

Discussion followed on the pros and cons of supporting such a program and its potential advantages and disadvantages for UWS BDE.

The program is one in which UWS BDE can participate in, or not. There is no direct affiliation with UWS and the courses do not count as credit towards an undergraduate degree. Three positive aspects of this program were determined to be: this is a potential channel to reach more students, especially those who may later enroll in a degree seeking program; this is a channel to reach more liberal art students with business curricula and; interested faculty could earn overload through participation.

Support for the initiation of the program was unanimously **approved**.

Global Studies Minor

Jerry Hembd presented the most recent development within the Global Studies Minor. There are three basic developments, some of which also required DBE inputs:

1. Each department is being asked which courses within their curriculum could be included in a Global Studies Minor, for which there were requirements
 - a. 50% of the material discussed in the class should deal with regions
 - b. The course should be designed to develop skills and knowledge pertinent to the Global Awareness initiative

2. DBE, along with other departments on campus, were asked to consider becoming the 'home' of the new Global Studies Minor
3. Input and Reactions to the draft proposal

It was also mentioned that courses used for the minor could not be used to satisfy other major or minor requirements, i.e., no double use other than for GenEds and that courses to be offered should be on the 300 – 400.

It was **decided** that there were several appropriate courses which could be included in the achievement of a Global Studies minor. However, there were several unanswered questions as well as potential hurdles.

The courses which were suggested for potential inclusion were:

BUS 363 Business Ethics

BUS 430 International Business

ECON 430 International Economics

ECON 432 International Monetary Relations

ECON 435 Economic Development

ECON 438 Comparative Economic Systems

TRSP 430 International and Intermodal Transportation

However, these courses all require prerequisites for which Global Studies Minor students would require a waiver from the instructor.

It was further **decided** that DBE would nominate itself as a potential home for this Minor in light of the new Global Economic Development position for the department that is funded by the Liberal Arts Emphasis as part of the University of Wisconsin System's Growth Agenda for Wisconsin.

Econ 362 Public Finance

This issue was not discussed for lack of time.

Curricular Issues

This issue was not discussed for lack of time.

Department Chair Update

This issue was not discussed in its entirety due to lack of time.

Greg Trudeau reminded all faculty that Load Assignment forms were due by October 31st.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Kibler