

DEPARTMENT MEETING MINUTES

Department of Business and Economics

Erlanson 304, February 23, 2009

Present: Greg Trudeau (Chair), Chuck Reichert, Ethan Christensen, Richard Stewart, Diek Carlson, Kay Biga, Jerry Hembd, Mei Cao, Bruce Kibler, Connie O'Brien, Rick Moran, Vicki Hajewski (Visitor), Faith Hensrud (Visitor), and Bob Beam

Trudeau called the meeting to order at 12:03PM. Department members unanimously approved the minutes of the previous meeting. (Biga/Hembd)

New Business:

Visit by Dean Vicki Hajewski (see attached document)

The DBE welcomed Vicki Hajewski, Vice Chancellor for Campus Life/Dean of Students, to the meeting. Trudeau invited Vicki to speak to the faculty about student academic misconduct. The discussion centered around the procedures faculty should follow concerning student academic misconduct activities (plagiarism, cheating on tests, etc.). Department members reviewed and debated the implications of relevant sections of these disciplinary procedures, and agreed that this was a matter that required the department's closest attention. Dean Hajewski left the meeting at 12:28 PM.

Global Studies Minor

Jerry Hembd reported on the progress of the Global Studies Minor initiative at UW-S. He stated that a Global Development Director for the minor and a departmental home have not yet been decided, but that the Department of Social Inquiry is willing to temporarily house the minor on a one year renewal basis until more permanent arrangements can be made.

New Study Abroad Course Proposal in Economics (see attached document)

Jerry Hembd proposed the development of a new elective course titled, ECON 301 STUDY ABROAD (0 – 6 credits). This course would consist of “field trips designed by department faculty to give students direct experience in foreign countries” (see attached). Trudeau suggested that the prefix be broadened to include BUS 301, FIN 301, and TRSP 301 in order to give all students in the DBE the option of enrolling in such a course. The course would be funded through program fees. Department members were favorably disposed to the idea of this proposal, and instructed Dr. Hembd to bring it before the March 24 meeting of Academic Affairs Council so there would be enough time to include it in the 2010 – 2012 catalog.

UW-System Grant Program (see attached document)

The DBE welcomed Dr. Faith Hensrud, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, to the meeting. Dr. Hensrud talked about *new pathways to a degree* from UW-S, which is part of the action steps UW-S is taking to support Governor Doyle's Growth Agenda. Faith asked the DBE to consider the possibility that graduating business students from WITC could transfer credits earned at WITC to meet 300-400 level business course requirements in the DBE's General Business Administration major. Department members agreed that this was worth taking a look at so long as the DBE retained control over which courses qualified for transfer credit. A motion was made (Stewart/Kibler) that the DBE take a closer look at the grant proposal and get back to Dr. Hensrud at a later date. Dr. Hensrud left the meeting at 12:43 PM

Department Chair Updates

1. The Chair informed the faculty that he was preparing a comparative analysis of faculty course evaluations so that faculty could see where they stood relative to their colleagues in the department.
2. Three of the four Senior Year Experience capstone course proposals (economics, management/marketing, and T & L) have been approved by the SYE sub-committee, and will be sent to UAAC for final approval.
3. The Chair asked faculty to review the latest requirements for their program areas and to submit revisions in course requirements or course descriptions as soon as possible in order to meet the October 2009 catalog deadline.

Report from Academic Affairs Council Representative

Chuck Reichert assured department members that the Academic Advisement Evaluation Form that students would be asked to fill out would not be used for retention and promotion purposes.

Greg Trudeau adjourned the meeting at 12:51 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Bob Beam

Recorder