Minutes-December 21, 2010

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences

Interim CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MTG - MHC 2531

Members Present: Sandy Reynolds, School of Aging Studies

Ruth Bahr, Communication Sciences & Disorders

Bruce Levin, Child & Family Studies

Ryan Henry, Rehab & Mental Health Counseling

Christine Sellers, Criminology

Marion Becker, Aging & Mental Health

Other Attendees: Beatrice Smith, Dean's Office

Ruth Tilden, School of Social Work

Old business:

I. October minutes **APPROVED**

II. Social Work-Proposal to change entry requirement.

Summary-Revise program requirement; only initial attempts of either SOW 3303 or SOW 3210 will be considered in BSW Admissions process. Currently, students have the option of repeating SOW 3303 and 3210 if a grade of <u>B</u> or higher is not attained for first attempts of these pre-req courses. Change is necessary due to reduction in # of admits to BSW program, an increase in the admissions standards for entry into BSW program and as the result of a review of the pre-core curriculum. APPROVED

III. Criminology-"Non Substantive Change" requests for Pre-req's in B.A. major courses.

Summary-Change pre-req's for CCJ 3701 Research Methods to "Junior Standing and a grade of C or better

(C- not acceptable) in CCJ 3117." Change pre-req's for CCJ 4934 Sr. Seminar to "A grade of C or better in

CCJ 3701 and limited to majors only."

Rationale for change is due to increased standards and reduction of # of undergraduate majors as well as SACS assessment data which indicates that students are not demonstrating sufficient master of discipline-specific knowledge, particularly knowledge of basic criminological theory and research of methodology.

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IV. CSD-Program admissions requirement and total hours change-PhD

Summary-Currently, a Master's degree is required for admission to PhD program. Proposed change will also accept a bachelor's degree. As a result of this proposed change, min. total hrs. for the program would change to "90 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate; 53 with a Master's degree."

Rationale for change is the addition of a new research unit which will draw individuals interested in a nonclinical degree and in response to a number of requests from students who want to enter PhD without pursing clinical Master's degree first. **APPROVED**

Next meeting: January 18, 2011