Minutes-March 19, 2014

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MTG – MHC 1141

Members:

Ryan Henry, Rehab & Mental Health Counseling
Larry Thompson, Mental Health, Law & Policy absent
Debra Dobbs, School of Aging Studies absent
Ruth Bahr, Communication Sciences & Disorders
Carol MacKinnon-Lewis, Child & Family Studies
Scot Boeringer, Criminology absent
David Kondrat, Social Work absent

Ex-Officio/Guests Present:

Beatrice Smith, Dean’s Office
Catherine Batsche, Associate Dean

Old business:

I. Review February 19, 2014 minutes APPROVED

New business:

II. Discussion-BCS Distance Learning Workgroup (C. Batsche)

- The online pilot for monitoring students in online classes while the take exams, originally scheduled for this semester, has been postponed due to faculty concern that there was no noticed to students about the pilot on syllabi.
- Dr. Batsche provided clarification as to the charge of this workgroup. We are to provide advice on which courses should receive funding. The funding would either be for new courses particularly in those programs that might demonstrate potential to be offered fully online and courses to be revamped (stipend/release time/t.a. support). We would submit our top choices with rationale to the Dean for review. Focus will again be 5 courses total for the next round of funding.
- Possible programs to consider might include SLP, the new Cyber concentration/certificate courses, Social Work, Long Term Care Admin.
- At the graduate level, focus on programs that could potentially be offered fully online. Rationale: We would be able to recruit the best students if fully online and available nationally; focus on outstanding qualities of programs. (One concern was given that not all states have reciprocity with Florida for clinical experiences.)
- Focus on “high impact” courses at undergraduate level (potential for highest SCH). Take a look at them (review).
- Discussion on creating an “application“ similar to what was disseminated to Chairs for first round of funding.
- Focus on a “fall rollout”; it was suggested that a “Show & Tell” be organized fall 2014 to invite instructors who have been working with consultants this current year and to announce the application.
- Dr. Batsche suggested taking a look at courser.org to look at how similar disciplines are offering on-line options.

Next meeting: April 16, 2014