FCCOB Meeting

April 25, 2016, 11:00am-12:00pm, ROWE 234


I. FCCOB Minutes Approval – approved

II. Program Updates

I. This year’s Institute for Curricular Innovation conference will take place May 11th. FCCOB members will be thanked at the conference.

II. More FYE instructors are needed.

III. S. Dyson and S. Zinn were recognized for receiving awards.

III. New Instructor Review

I. The following new instructors were approved: Michael Petro (LSAMP Coordinator) and Dana Ziter (1810 – Engineering House).

II. The following new instructors were approved conditional to them graduating with a Bachelor’s degree in May 2016 and receiving appropriate training prior to commencing teaching: Emily Reed (IBM student) and Matthew Miller (IBM student).

III. Yi Le is a Chinese Master’s student, who is interested in teaching an international FYE, but has not yet applied. FCCOB requested that she submit a formal application to teach, but first requires that her academic advisor approve the potential teaching placement.

IV. New Shell Review

I. Transfer Year Experience 3800 - tabled

   I. FCCOB determined that the approval of the course shell would be separate from the approval of the Transfer Connections Learning Community syllabus.

   II. The syllabus created by Patricia Harkins, Director of Transfer Connections, will first be piloted. After obtaining feedback, a shell syllabus will be created.

   III. The shell was tabled until the first FCCOB meeting of the 2016-2017 academic year, when more data will be available.
V. Transfer Connections LC

I. FCCOB voiced concerns about the number of requirements included in the syllabus, given that it is a one credit course.

II. Syllabus feedback included:
   
   I. Need for increased opportunities for transfer students to provide feedback and opinions in open discussion.
   
   II. Need for assignments that allow for variable, meaningful responses based on the particular experiences of the transfer student.
   
   III. It was acknowledged that Dr. Harkins has received sometimes conflicting suggestions for what to include in the syllabus, as many UConn constituencies are interested in this new transfer student offering.

IV. Staffing:
   
   I. Dr. Harkins will teach up to two of the transfer sections.
   
   II. Another ACES advisor will teach the remaining section.
   
   III. FCCOB requested that upperclassmen, who were themselves transfer students, be assigned to mentor these sections.

VI. New 3820 Course Review

I. Human Rights and Action Learning Community – approved

II. While Dr. Deans is away on sabbatical, his Graduate Assistant, Silke, will be the lead instructor.

VII. New 1820 Course Review

I. Upcoming Reviews were noted:
   
   I. Humanities Institute (C. Johnson) – a proposal will be forthcoming.
   
   II. Honors LLC (A. Hopkins) – more information will be forthcoming.
   
   III. Sports Broadcasting (J. Vampatella w/J. McMullen) and Broadcasting (J. McMullen w/J. Vampatella) – these instructors are working together to create a two-course offering that would be taken in back-to-back semesters.

VIII. Template Syllabus and Common Contents Expectations - tabled

I. This discussion was tabled and will need to be revisited in the future.
IX. Summer Approvals

I. The FCCOB approved the FCCOB Chair, S. Zinn, or a designee who is a member of FCCOB, to review and approve actions over the summer.

X. Future Items

I. New 1800 Instructor Reviews

II. New 1820 and 3820 Fall Courses

III. Next meeting: TBD (September/October 2016)