In attendance: Nolette, Guttormson, Syam, Feldner, Krenz, Federle, Su, Hathaway, D’Urso, Natalia Hornik, Ghasemzadeh, Brooks (had to leave at 1:50).

Reflection: Paul Nolette
Recorder: Heather Hathaway

Agenda

1. Reflection: Paul Nolette
2. Approval of September minutes: minor typos corrected.
   - VOTE: September minutes unanimously approved with minor changes.
3. Transfer of 800-100 level courses from technical colleges: Georgia McRae, Vicki Trautschold, Ritu Sachdev.

The Office of the Registrar reps presented a request, stemming from the Diederich College of Communication (COMM) but establishing a policy that will apply to all articulation agreements with technical colleges, specifying that 100-level courses may be granted MU credit and/or course equivalents if that has been specified in the individual articulation agreement.

- Revisiting issue of course-numbering from technical colleges about 800-100 level courses because the proposed COMM articulation agreement, which allows for 100-level courses to count, runs counter to the policy of 800-only courses that UBUS approved last year.

- COMM (and other colleges) need policies like this for technical courses that would advantage their students but that we don’t offer (e.g. graphic design).

- Questions concerning whether these accepted courses would be limited to those students who participated in the articulation agreement were raised. The concern was that, if 100-level courses started to leak into the approval process outside the agreement, we would be disadvantaging students by bringing them in to the institution unprepared.

  - The need to assess student success for those participating in such articulation agreements was emphasized in order to ensure they/we are justly serving our students.

- VOTE: unanimous approval of policy.
4. Approval of new department -- Department of Computer Science: Iqbal Ahamed, Rick Holz

**Justification:**
Dr. Ahmed presented factual data supporting the need for a separate Department of Computer Science. He:

- emphasized the need for agility among faculty to respond to ever changing developments in Computer Science;
- stated that recent grants (Center for Cyber-Security and Defense, for example), further increase need for separate department;
- argued that a separate department would allow for greater cross-college interdisciplinary research/grant proposal collaboration (see proposal for details).

**Costs:**
The cost of the creation of a new department is nearly revenue neutral for a number of reasons:

- Operating costs change minimally because the budget of MSCS is now simply being divided proportionately among two departments.
- Cost for new faculty is mitigated thanks to some of these recent developments (e.g. Northwestern Mutual engagement with Data Analytics).

**Questions:**
- Was the decision to divide into two departments a consensus decision?
  - Yes, over time and with all Computer Science faculty providing input.
  - Issues that have arisen are being addressed (i.e. joint appointments, etc.) by the faculty in both areas (Computer Science and Mathematics/Statistics)
- Was there discussion of the downsides of this proposal?
  - Yes, and those issues are being worked through.
  - One downside is that, previously, hires were often transdisciplinary (Mathematics, Statistics and/or Computer Science trained) and now some of those folks are left a bit in the middle (e.g., someone with a degree in computer science and math who used to teach both courses will now have to straddle departments).
- What is the impact on the undergraduate experience?
  - 1. Win-win: more courses, more faculty.
• New lines are being allocated for Computer Science. Are new lines also being added to Mathematics/Statistics?
  • Yes, they have requested one for next year and the College with work with Provost to meet these needs.

• Concern from ENGINEERING: will there be availability for Engineering students as courses get filled up with growing Computer Science majors?
  • Dean and Chair assure this will not happen. Seats will be made available.

• Will this affect the courses available for the Marquette Common Core (MCC)? The concern of the MCC director is that both departments will need to continue to offer lower level mathematics/computer science courses for the Discovery Tiers.
  • The development of a standalone Department of Computer Science should only add offering options for the MCC.

5. Approval of name change request: Department of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences: Rebecca Sanders, Rick Holz
  • Name would change from Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science (MSCS) to Department of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences (MSSC)
  • Question about codes: will the minor change from MCSC to MSSC be confusing or create problems for the Registrar?
    • Most say no.
  • Why are undergraduate courses coded as MATH and not as MSSC?
    • Because undergraduates recognize MATH more readily when searching for courses and graduate students find that moniker simplistic for their courses.
  • VOTE: 10 in favor of creating a Department of Computer Science; 1 abstention.
  • VOTE: 10 in favor of changing the title of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science to Mathematical and Statistical Sciences; 1 abstention.

6. University Board of Undergraduate Studies Description/Charge
Discussion of the amendments proposed by Chair Guttormson to the UBUS description and charge based on our previous review at the September meeting.
  • VOTE: unanimous approval to accepted amended charge.

7. Review/approval of badge proposal (Civic Dialogue Leadership)
• Question raised about who ensures student competencies.
  • Faculty course instructors evaluate student work and a staff member of the Center for Teaching and Learning ensures that all the standards for badge certification have been completed.
  • **VOTE:** 9 vote to approve Civic Dialogue Leadership badge proposal; one dissension.

6. Update Marquette Common Core (MCC)
  • Still moving ahead with implementation
    • Developing Study Abroad transfer policy currently. This is not yet necessary for MCC but will be in place by end of semester.
  • Two new committees formed:
    • Smaller MCC committee that reports to UBUS.
    • Larger Advisory committee that meets twice a semester and contains reps from all over campus.
  • Call for 2019-2020 courses is forthcoming. This is not a closed process so if people miss the fall deadline they can certainly submit in the spring.
  • Website is under development as well.
  • Question:
    • Are there going to be new Discovery Themes in this call?
      • All seven are open for submissions this fall.
    • Sustainability can be fostered with the assistance of Brent Ribble, MU Sustainability Lead.

7. Update Follett contract
  • Jill is sitting on the committee to evaluate potential vendors for providing books/course materials on campus as Follett contract is up in Spring. She asks us to attend faculty and student input sessions and respond to surveys.
    • Emphasized the importance of a bookstore in meeting student needs in terms of course costs and options.

8. Termination
  • Major in Leadership and Organizations
  • Minor in Leadership and Organizations
  • Major in Professional Communication
  • Minor in Professional Communication
  • **VOTE:** unanimous approval to terminate all four programs.
Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.