Arts & Human Science Department

Department meeting minutes, January 22, 2024

Attendance:

Steven Grunenwald        Logan Rutledge        Matt Peterson
Richard Stenberg        Kirby Lund            Ryan Freels
Katie Renville           Wyatt Olson

1. Meeting minutes for approval from November 27, 2023
   a. Motion to approve: Stenberg
   b. Second Renville
   c. All Approved

2. Communication Lab student workers for 2024-2025
   a. Current workers are going to graduate
   b. Looking for at least four workers
   c. Have some students in mind
   d. Discussion on promoting participation in Communication Lab

3. MUSC new course for approval
   a. Motion to approve: Renville
   b. Freels seconds
   c. Discussion on
      i. being specific of instrumental or voice
      ii. Process skills
   d. All Approved

4. English COGs for approval
   a. Motion to approve: Peterson
      i. Renville question of close reading
   b. Renville seconds
      i. Peterson notes Comp I formatting
   c. Discussion
      i. If the courses are on a yearly basis
   d. Approved

5. Class caps discussion
   a. What our class caps should be
      i. Communication/English
         1. 25 on campus and online
         2. Writing Prep at 20
         3. General agreement
      ii. Econ
         1. Fine with how many fits – up to 50
2. Disagree about online being easier to transition
   a. Online cap preferred at 25
3. Discussion on needing sufficient interaction, which means not having too many online
   iii. History
      1. 25 across the board for most
      2. Lower for the State and Local Government
         a. Capped at 15
         b. Needed for travel
   iv. Psychology
      1. 30 students for online and campus
   v. Music
      1. In-person can have 40
      2. Online can have 25
   vi. Art
      1. Discussion on how instructor couldn’t give effective individualized instruction to everyone because there were too many students
         a. Fall caps were at 25
         b. Lowered to 22 for Spring
      2. For future:
         a. 20 for studio classes
         b. 25 for Intro to visual arts / art history / online
   b. Discussion of reaching the 30 caps
      i. Worries of teacher work load
      ii. Quality of education for students
      iii. Possible burnout
6. Need to start thinking of Spring 2025
   a. Discussions on
      i. Planning to have courses spread throughout the day
      ii. MW courses like TTh
      iii. Working more with Athletics with scheduling
7. Committee updates?
   a. Curriculum
      i. Still in process of process of curriculum
         1. New programs will possibly change
   b. Digital Literacy
      i. First meeting of the semester is next Wednesday
   c. Discussion of advising
      i. Possible plan of hiring advisors in Student Services and teachers will act like mentors
      ii. Could possibly hire a recruiter/advisor
      iii. Plan is still unclear
   d. Eportfolio
      i. Meets later this week
ii. Peterson’s group
   1. Results for Fall show that Diversity scores were not doing good, Communication scores were doing good

e. Strategic Planning
   i. Haven’t heard anything back from the day

f. Haven't heard anything from SJEDI

g. Accreditation
   i. Roles of new faculty and the future

h. Art job search committee
   i. Form ready for HR to be sent out
      1. On hold to look through the previous art job description
   ii. Like to have job posted mid-February to March; do interview committee in April