Minutes UCC Meeting   2/12/07

Present:
UCC Voting: Robert Aboolian, Annette Daoud, Jule Gomez de Garcia, Gabriela Sonntag,
                 Olaf Hansen
Ex officeo: David Barsky, Virginia Mann
Excused: Kara Witzke

1. We approved the minutes from February 5.
2. UCC discussed the answers from Shaun-inn to our questions from January 19. UCC has still concerns about the transform of 400level classes into 500 level classes. UCC discussed several options which will be proposed to the Department of Computer Science:
   - Make the courses CS421, CS433, and CS441 a requirement for the Computer Science Masters and allow students to take up to 9 units of lower division classes in consultation with an adviser.
   - Split the 400 level classes instead of moving the courses to 500 level classes. For example CS473 will become "CS473 Introduction to Artificial Neural Networks" and "CS573 Artificial Neural Networks".
3. We approved the change to the Physics Minor.
4. UCC collected questions concerning the review of the MSW program:
   - In which college will the MSW be located, will there be a college level review?
   - The originator of the MSW program is no longer at the university. Can the P-Form still be presented to the senate?
   - UCC would like to get a guarantee that a person will be appointed to work with the committee to make changes to the P-Form.
   - If UCC starts to review the MSW program UCC would like to have an appointee from Sociology or another closely related department at the UCC meetings.
5. Gabriela Sonntag proposed that we will discuss topics for a joint meeting of all curriculum related committees for the university in a future UCC meeting. The purpose would be to provide clearer guidelines for curriculum proposals and allow committees like PAC to have input at an earlier stage of the program development.
6. David Barsky informed UCC about his conversation with Chuck de Leone about the new certificate of Advanced Study in Science Teaching. He has contacted the College of Education and UCC will wait for a response from the originators.

Olaf Hansen