Minutes UCC 04/20/09

Present:

UCC Voting: Judith Downie, Jule Gómez de García, Michael Hughes, Delores Lindsey,

Olaf Hansen

Excused: Yi Sun

Ex officio: David Barsky, Virginia Mann

Guest: Denise Boren, JoAnn Daugherty, Albert Kern, Bianca Mothe,

Judith Papenhausen, Betsy Read

1. We approved the minutes from April 13.

- 2. UCC approved the change to the Marketing and Global Business Management option, including the new courses and course changes.
- 3. UCC decided to elect the new chair per email, including the newly elected UCC members in the voting.
- 4. David Barsky informed UCC about the fact that the Master's of Nursing does not qualify for a pilot program. But David Barsky will find out about the Master of Biotechnology before Wednesday's senate meeting.
- 5. UCC discussed remaining questions with the proposers of the Master of Biotechnology program: Bianca Mothe, Betsy Read, and Al Kern. Most of the discussion focused on the catalog copy.
 - Page 1, line 7,8: After some discussion UCC finally decided that the phrase "for biotechnology-oriented students" should stay in the catalog copy, but the word "science" should be replaced by "sciences".
 - Page 1, line 13: The sentence should start with "Courses are offered in the evening and during the weekends..".
 - Page 1, line 14: The sentence should read "The program design is that of a cohort model.."
 - Page 1, line 16: The sentence should read "It is a non-thesis degree program, requiring a rigorous 'Internship or Semester-In-Residence' project".
 - Page 1, line 21: The sentence should read: "Students with a Master of biotechnology will be able to:".
 - Page 1, line 39: "program requirements" can be deleted.
 - Page 2, line 3: replace "minimums" by "requirements".
 - Page 3, line 7: The sentence should read "In lieu of a thesis, the candidate must participate in a work experience or project, and successfully complete a Project Abstract, the project/work assignment with performance assessment, a written report/paper, and an oral defense to the Advisory Committee."
 - Page 3, line 16: "Master's Degree".

Furthermore in the P-Form:

- Update items 3.b. and 4.f to the newest version of catalog copy and course numbering.
- Rename the attachments to appendices.

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6. UCC discussed remaining questions about the Master's of Nursing with Denise Boren

and Judith Papenhausen.

- First Judith explained that students are admitted to the RSN-to-MSN program as conditional graduate students and after finishing "option 1" become classified graduate students. Judith emphasized that this model was successfully used at Cal State LA.
- Judith explained that students who do not finish the program but have already enough courses to derive a BSN (as described in the university catalog) will get a BSN.
- There was a discussion about the role of the two options in the program. While Olaf had the opinion that the two options are more like two stages towards the Master's Degree. Judith explained that this should be considered as similar to the options in other programs. So it is not like: First take option 1 and then option 2, it just says at the end of option 1 that the course work of option 2 must be completed. Students with a BSN can start at option2 directly.
- Judith also remarked that advising will be available to students to guide them through the course work.
- Finally Appendix I was discussed. In the discussion it became clear that the preand corequisites in the Nursing program are not similar to the prerequisites in the CoAS program, prerequisites are used for sequencing. So courses can in principle be taken out of order. Also the important role of adjunct faculty was emphasized, which will deliver an important part of the teaching for the program. Judith and Denise argued that this is common in nursing programs.

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Olaf Hansen