MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
University Committee on Curriculum

Thursday, 1:30 p.m.
February 1, 2018
443 Administration Building

MINUTES

Materials Distributed Before the Meeting:

1. Report of Subcommittee A:

2. Report of Subcommittee B:

3. Report of Subcommittee C:

Items of Business:

1. Approval of Draft Minutes from 11/30/17.
   The minutes of 11/30/17 were approved.

   Bill Cunningham presented the Subcommittee A report of January 18, 2018 noting all requests were approved as submitted or changed. Chairperson Mechtel shared a concern from the University Committee on Graduate Studies (UCGS) regarding the Graduate Certificate in Medical Neuroscience with regard to admission language. She shared the friendly amendment to item 1. of the Admission language. The report was approved as submitted and amended.

   Ethan Segal presented the Subcommittee B report of January 25, 2018 noting all requests were approved as submitted or changed. Jim Wiggins requested a friendly amendment to the restriction of EC 812A which was approved by the College of Social Science. The report was approved as submitted and amended.

   Amy Parks presented the Subcommittee C report of January 11, 2018 noting all requests were approved as submitted or changed. The report was approved as submitted.

Dr. Gaboury referenced an email from Provost Youatt regarding her message to faculty around the campus climate. He also mentioned two major items that he is working on: Co-Curricular Records and Transfer Articulation. He asked Registrar Shablin to share regarding co-curricular activity and the research he is involved with on this item. He shared that co-curricular records are pretty much non-existent in the Big Ten via a poll he has conducted with the exception of Purdue who has an e-portfolio. He explained that co-curricular records are activities beyond the official transcript outside of the normal course work. This initiative was brought forward by the HUB on campus.


Chairperson Mechtel welcomed Registrar Shablin to the committee. She referenced the email recently to all faculty from the Steering Committee regarding a vote of No-Confidence in the Board of Trustees. She encouraged all faculty to vote and make sure their opinions are heard. She made it clear that the vote of No-Confidence is coming from the faculty, not the Steering Committee, if passed. She encouraged conversation around the campus climate of recent. Several student and faculty members of the committee shared concerns about how faculty should engage in conversation in their classrooms about the campus climate and how you do that effectively. It was decided to craft a statement from the UCC to the Faculty Senate. Several members volunteered to participate in an ad-hoc committee that will work virtually. Chairperson Mechtel will send an email to begin the work.

7. Other Business.

None.