

Senate Recommendation to the Provost

Originating Body: Faculty Senate

Originator: Stephen Ford

Date Submitted: 03/06/2017 (from 2/2015)

Requested Effective Date: Immediate

Recommendation: Change the wording of the Curriculum Approval Guide regarding: Procedure for consideration of new HEGIS for inclusion in general education curriculum

Attached: Currently UCC's authority is defined in the Curriculum Guide as: "The UCC reviews undergraduate curriculum proposals of two broad types: 1) new courses and course change proposals, and 2) new programs, majors or minors or changes in programs, majors or minors."

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"The UCC reviews undergraduate curriculum proposals of two broad types: 1) new courses and course change proposals, *(If a course proposal requires changes to the areas within the current structure of General Education then the proposal will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for approval of the change in area before the course is reviewed by the UCC)*, and 2) new programs, majors or minors or changes in programs, majors or minors."

NOTE: See attachment for agenda item taken from the Minutes of the Salisbury University Faculty Senate, February 24, 2015

Date Approved by the Faculty Senate: February 24, 2015



President, Faculty Senate

3/6/2017

Date

Action Taken by Provost

Date: 3-7-17

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Recommendation Accepted

☐ Recommendation Not Accepted

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Recommendation returned to the Originating Body for further review (see attached)

Disposition for Approved Recommendation:

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President

☐ VP Student Affairs

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Faculty Senate President

☐ VP Finance

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Consortium Chair

☒ School Deans

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Catalogue Editor

☐ Provost Council



Provost

3-7-17

Date

TAKEN FROM: Minutes of the Salisbury University Faculty Senate, February 24, 2015
Old Business

UCC Proposal on Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS) Codes in General Education
(see documents) (Dr. Katherine Miller; see documents)

— At the previous Faculty Senate Meeting (February 10, 2015), the Senate passed Part A of the Proposal; today we are to consider Motion regarding Part B

— Discussion

- Faculty Senate has final authority; proposed additions of HEGIS Code areas really should be considered by the Faculty Senate
- Having a HEGIS Code is added/approved via UCC grants too much authority to a small committee that would have major impacts on the General Education curriculum
- UCC already has a fully scheduled mandate with numerous proposals for new courses, major/minor tracks, changes to degree programs, etc., each semester;
- To add new HEGIS Code proposals from various departments would be burdensome for UCC
- UCC largely reviews technicalities; it does not review a course proposal's merit – that is done at the school curriculum committee level
- UCC does not contain a wide enough range of disciplinary expertise to judge HEGIS Code proposals
- Majority of UCC's six members believe that UCC currently has the authority to review HEGIS Codes; but support among members of the small UCC is not unanimous
- General Education HEGIS Code changes could be required to obtain input from all departments that currently comprise the particular GenEd group at the school level before reaching UCC

— Following discussion, the Faculty Senate voted to clarify UCC's authority:

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— Motion called to vote

— Motion passed (unanimous voice vote)

Provost Allen,

The Faculty Senate recently received a request to add a new HEGIS for inclusion in the General Education curriculum. In prepping this issue for Senate, I discovered we had created a procedure back in February 2015 and had unanimously approved a motion for a text change in the Curriculum Approval Guide. Apparently, this was not followed up with a formal Senate Recommendation to the Provost form, so I am doing so now.

As a heads-up, and related, we may soon (next Senate meeting on March 28 perhaps) have a second formal recommendation to add text in section 1.2 of the Curriculum Approval Guide to codify the procedure we crafted back in 2015 regarding the Faculty Role.

Thanks,
Stephen

Dr. Allen,
Should I attach
this note to the
copies? Vicki

No

Mailed out on
March 7, 2017