Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Minutes 5/10/11

Attending: K. Downey, A. Fitz-Gibbon, M. McGuire (chair), J. McNamara, G. Zarate, and non-voting R. Janke (for purposes of clarifying multiple program alterations)

New Business:

**Program Alterations**:

MSEd programs ABI, ACM, APH, APM, and AES modified to include the NYS-mandated classroom hours focused on students with special needs. Vote: unanimous pass.

MAT AEN program alteration

-needs justification for the change in number of elective credits in part C

MSEd AEN program alteration

-change the number of credit hours listed in part A

-justify the changed electives in part B

BA AEN program alteration

-change the credits in section B

-change the total number of credits in the program

All AEN programs: unanimously passed, contingent on these minor revisions.

MUTH

-Alter section C of the program to indicate that 4 credits of ballet are required; the current phrasing of 4 semesters allows confusion in the case of students taking multiple ballet courses in the same semester.

Vote: Unanimously tabled.

**New course proposals:**

DNC 411

-Alter the abbreviated course title to include “Tech” or “Technique”

- Remove the (incorrect) course number and course title from the course description; include the information about the possible concurrency of the pre-req course; move the (1 cr. hr.) to the proper place in the course description and eliminate the repeatable information from the course description.

-Develop the answer to question 3 of Form 1: what techniques will be developed in DNC401 that would not have been developed in other ballet classes? Why is DNC401 the appropriate pre-requisite? If DNC401 is a pre-requisite class that can be taken concurrently, the justification of the pre-requisite cannot be that DNC411 requires a previous development of techniques introduced in DNC401. -Answer question 4 of Form 1.

-Ensure that the course description on the attached course syllabus matches the description given on Form 1.

DNC 421

-Correct the same form-based errors as in DNC411.

-Make it clear how this course differs substantially from DNC411. As proposed, it seems as if the department might wish to allow DNC411 to be repeated for up to 6 credits, rather than creating two classes that appear to be so little differentiated. Should DNC421 have DNC411 as a prerequisite?

All DNC courses were tabled, unanimously.