Present: Nowell Donovan, Chair, Pat Miller, Kelsie Johnson, Lynn Flahive, Carol Thompson, Australia Tarver, Komla Aggor, Gerald Gabel, Cecilia Silva, Paulette Burns, Julie Baker, Mike McCracken, June Koelker, Bonnie Melhart, Paul King, David Whillock, Andy Schoolmaster, Scott Sullivan, Mary Patton, Catherin Wehlburg, Arnie Barkman, Homer Erekson, Terri Gartner, Don Mills Guests: Kay Sanders, Susan Staples, Ken Richardson, Magnus Rittby

Consent Agenda

Communication Studies - Eliminate two emphasis areas – Change in Program
Replace EDSE 40213 for EDSP 50663, Letters of Support – Change in Requirement
COE change in requirements for Early Childhood Certification – Change in Requirement
College of S & E – Minor in Health Care Ethics – Change in Minor requirements
Communication Studies – Drop 3/2 Program

Motion was seconded and carried.

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B.A. degree with Major in Spanish – Change in requirement – Aggor elaborated on the need for clearer sequencing, and to expand the major into more than just language based to include courses in Spanish cinema, linguistic and other electives. Barkman inquired as to whether there would be discussion with other departments and Aggor affirmed that these discussions were underway. Aggor further discussed his desire to change the name of the department to the Department of Hispanic Studies as keeping with other Spanish programs nation-wide and to have a less limiting and more interesting offering for our students. This was not included in the standing motion, but an informational item for future consideration. Original motion was seconded and approved and will take effect in fall 2009.

Minor in Spanish – Change in requirement – Motion was seconded and carried.

Communication Studies – Change in Requirements includes proposals for the following areas

• Create foundational core for B.A. and B.S. with major in Communication Studies – Change in requirement
• Require minor for B.S. with major in Communication Studies-Change in requirement
• GPA requirement to declare major in Communication Studies –Change in requirement
• C or better requirement for major and minor-Change in requirements

All four items were included in motion. King explained that these changes would provide a better overall educational experience and improve the Communication Studies program considerably. Raising the GPA requirement would expose, retain and attract more talented students in this field. Burns asked how this would affect enrollment? King thought it might reduce enrollment slightly.
King stated that they have a large major population of 350 students and just this week had 10 more change of major requests for Communication Studies. Current majors whose GPA is lower than the new requirement will be grandfathered in. These changes will become effective fall 2009. After discussion, motion was seconded and approved.

Department of Mathematics – Master of Arts in Teaching – Change in Program Requirements

MAT Supporting Letter – After some discussion regarding catalog copy and 50000 and 60000 level course work the motion was seconded and carried and will become effective fall 2009.

B.F.A. Degree with a major in Graphic Design – Change in Requirement – Sullivan explained that their accrediting body (NASAD) requested these changes to improve the program. Miller inquired whether this could be become a five-year program and Sullivan said it was very close and would like to see a four plus one year program for a Master’s eventually. Change in requirements become effective in fall 2009. Motion was seconded and approved.

Kinesiology - B.S. in Athletic Training – Change in Program Title – Burns stressed that this is a developing discipline like many in Health Sciences and this change reflects that point. The program won’t change but instead of having and Athletic Training major, it would now be a degree named BS in Athletic Training. Miller was concerned with the printing of another degree. Barkman thought this proposal could have probably fallen within another category and been included as a new program on this agenda. New degree will become effective in fall 2009. Motion was seconded and approved.

New Programs

Harris College of Nursing – DNP – Anesthesia – Add a new program – This program is one of the first of its kind and will become the standard by 2015 according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Students interested will enter with a baccalaureate degree and exit with Doctor of Nursing Practice or DNP. In response to King’s question regarding creating programmatic courses, Sanders said that all are part of existing courses and that the post-master’s work is transitioning from hospital-based to educational. Burns added that the Master’s degree will eventually go away being replaced by the DNP for students seeking anesthesia or clinical nursing specialty degrees. Tarver inquired whether other colleges are transitioning to the DNP program and Sanders replied only three nationally, so far. Flahive added that current students seeking Master’s degrees will be grandfathered in. Mills wondered what the ideal size for a program like this would be and Sanders replied 80 students are good for maintaining program quality. Burns concluded that the knowledge explosion currently being experienced is leading to more stringent educational improvements to keep health-care fields safe for the public and this trend seems to be permeating all the health-care areas. This program is already operating as of fall 2008. Motion seconded and carried.

College of S & E – New Math MS – Add a new program – Richardson elaborated on the proposal with the intent to make courses available at night for the working professional. Full-time faculty would teach all advanced course work with adjuncts teaching the remedial course work. They know that tuition assistance would be required for some students but would like to try to attract corporate professionals as well that might get tuition assistance from their employers. Many were concerned about how this would cut into the already stressed academic funding? Richardson understands that
this could be an issue but the department would like to proceed without full funding. They are adamant that this is an excellent move for the University and would be in keeping with the Chancellor’s goals within VIA. Sullivan added that we should try to reclaim the $1.5 million that was cut this year before trying to add more programs. Donovan suggested that we should try to go after some of this Federal Stimulus money allocated for educational use. After much discussion about requesting grant monies, attracting a more excellent faculty and the folding of a previous Master’s program years ago; the motion was second and carried with 1 dissenting vote. Program to become effective fall 2009.

College of S & E – New Math PhD – Add a new program – With much discussion similar to that of the Master’s program proposal, the motion was seconded and carried with 2 dissenting votes. Program to become effective fall 2009.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.