

Curriculum and New Programs Meeting Minutes October 1, 2012

A meeting of the Curriculum and New Programs Committee was held on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Academic Administration Building, Room 172, with Dr. Linda Grimsley, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, presiding. Those in attendance were Dr. Adansi Amankwaa, Dr. Ganiyu T. Oladunjoye for Dr. Deborah Bemby, Professor Gwendolyn Campbell, Dr. Babafemi Elufiede, Dr. Kimberly Fields, Dr. Linda Grimsley, Mrs. Flo J. Hill, Dr. Marcia Hood, Dr. Joyce Johnson, Dr. Kimberly King-Jupiter, Dr. LaVerne L. McLaughlin, Dr. Peter Ngwafu, Dr. Michael Rogers, Dr. Seyed Roosta, Dr. Melvin A. Shelton, Dr. Marilyn Spearman, Dr. Cathy Williams, and Dr. Richard Williams.

Opening Remarks

Dr. Linda Grimsley greeted the committee members and distributed the agenda and the minutes of the last meeting for review.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting were reviewed.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion was approved.

New Business

College of Arts and Humanities Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Adansi Amankwaa presented the proposal to add a Medical Sociology Concentration as an option to the B.A. Degree in Sociology.

The rationale for the proposal is that the objective of the proposed curriculum change is to offer students an additional option to a B. A. in Sociology. The addition of a medical sociology concentration to the existing B.A. program in Sociology will (1) prepare students to pursue graduate and professional degree programs in sociology that emphasize public health and other health and healthcare related fields; (2) address the critical needs of health care agencies and organizations in southwest Georgia, the state and beyond by providing skilled and knowledgeable employees; (3) expand and strengthen the Sociology Program and (4) contribute to Albany State University's strategic mission to provide innovative educational programs to meet the needs of the University's diverse student body.

The proposal will be voted on at the next meeting.

Dr. Amankwaa presented the proposal to set the Medical Sociology concentration minimum admission and graduation GPA requirement to 2.25.

SOCI 2060: Medical sociology is a new course that will be created to acquaint students with a working knowledge of the important issues and research which characterize inquiry into the social organization of health care, and to foster a critical understanding of the processes that influence health and health care policy in a complex society such as the United States. The content of the course theoretical and empirically based and is designed for entry into the profession of health care and graduate studies. This course also satisfies the American Sociological Association course requirements.

The proposal will be voted on at the next meeting.

Dr. Adansi Amankwaa presented the proposal to add a new course – SOCI 2637 Sociology of the Body and Health.

SOCI 2637 Sociology of the Body and Health 3(3-0)

The rationale for the proposal is to provide medical sociology concentration which requires creation of additional courses to support program changes. The course content and objectives are aligned with the content and objectives accepted by the American Sociological Association. SOCI 2637: Sociology of the Body and Health will examine the body as central to public policy. Its contents include health and social care, covering a range of issues such as disability, old age, sexuality, consumption, food and public space, constructions of the body and different social groups. The students will also explore the significance of the body in the provision and delivery of care.

The proposal will be voted on at the next meeting.

Dr. Adansi Amankwaa presented the proposal to add a new course – SOCI 3456 Women and Health.

SOCI 3456 Women and Health 3(3-0)

The rationale for the proposal is to provide medical sociology concentration which requires creation of additional courses support program changes. SOCI 3456: Women and Health is a new course that is designed to examine the health issues of American Women from a critical sociological perspective. This course emphasizes health concerns that are distinctive to women or that compare women to men. A major analytic focus will be an exploration of how lay, medical and research assumptions about women have developed and influenced the existing relationship between women, health and illness, and health care systems.

The proposal will be voted on at the next meeting.

Dr. Adansi Amankwaa presented the proposal to add a new course – SOCI 4100 Global Health.

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It was moved and seconded to expedite approval of the proposal at the first reading. The motion was approved with the change of course title from Orientation to Professional Education to Orientation to Advanced Professional Education.

Other Items

Dr. Grimsley informed the committee of the following:

1. There will be a series of webinars on an optional distance learning management system called Desire to Learn (D2L) beginning at noon on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 for all who are interested in training in the new system. Additional face-to-face training workshops on D2L on campus are forthcoming.
2. An Academic Review meeting for several programs is scheduled on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room in Academic Affairs.
3. Mid Term grades are due in Banner by 3:00 p.m. Monday, October 8, 2012. Dr. Grimsley asked everyone to pay attention to any "I" grades from last semester before automatic "F". The last day to drop is October 10, 2012.
4. Registration for Spring Semester 2013 is November 12 – 16, 2012.
5. All members of the Curriculum and New Programs Committee were encouraged to attend the scheduled meetings.
6. Accolades were given to members of the faculty who sent in their courses for the five year plan.
7. Dr. Richard Williams announced that the Department Chairs will meet today at noon in the New Student Union.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Dr. Linda Grimsley, Presiding
Dr. LaVerne McLaughlin, Recorder