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UMN Morris Curriculum Committee

September 23, 2021, 11:40 a.m. Meeting #2

Zoom

Members Present: Peh Ng (Chair), Jade Allard, Stacey Aronson, John Barber, Barbara Burke, Rebecca Dean, Jennifer Deane, Simón Franco, Kiel Harell, Rachel Johnson, Nic McPhee, Marcus Muller, Ben Narvaez, Michelle Page

Members Absent: Stephanie Ferrian, Grace Hiltner, Shanda Pittman

Others present: Santiago Fernandez-Gimenez, Kate Sophia, Annalee Tomsicek, Emma Kloos, Ann Kolden, Laura Burks, Carol Ford, Sharon Severance, Jeri Squier, Robyn VanEps

In these minutes: DegreeCat, Gen Ed

#1 Welcome and announcements

#2 Minutes from September 9, 2021

Zoom poll to approve minutes from Meeting #1 - September 9, 2021. Minutes approved (10-0-0).

#3 Upcoming system wide changes to the ECAS and PCAS systems

Santiago Fernandez-Gimenez, Kate Sophia and Annalee Tomsicek joined the meeting from ASR in the Twin Cities. He presented about the change to ECAS, PCAS, catalogs and other planning software. The University is moving to a vendor supported system of software under the umbrella of DegreeCat. ECAS and PCAS will be replaced by a single vendor solution that is integrated. Many systems are being replaced at the same time to allow the cycle to function better and more reliably. Dean asked for clarification about Morris' involvement in the beginning input. She also raised the concern that small disciplines can't offer everything and how would the planning software accommodate that. Fernandez-Gimenez commented that they have heard that concern and hope that the software can push information. McPhee asked about learning outcomes being incorporated into the software. This should be able to happen. McPhee also asked about accessing the data contained in the software. The vendors have APIs built into the system and it will be easier to access. A Town Hall meeting will be held in October.

Morris advisers will likely be introduced to the planning tools in January.

Fernandez-Gimenez asked for feedback on the next steps for our campus. Faculty advisers are another group to communicate with and Jessica Porwoll would be the contact. Division staff are important to the process since they do all the entering. Ng commented that Morris will be doing catalog approvals in 2022-2023 for the next two-year catalog. Fernandez-Gimenez commented that it is good to consider each campus when they decide about data migration and other implementation considerations.

Dean asked about assessment and accreditation data access. Tomsicek added that the software will allow for custom fields to collect unique data that Morris may want to collect. Ng asked for assurance that existing data will not be lost. Fernandez-Gimenez assured that nothing will be lost. Decisions are yet to be made about how and how much migration occurs.

To be added to monthly status report updates, go to z.umn.edu/degrecat and this will also mean that you get the invitation to the townhall meeting.

#4 GenEd, continued discussion

Ng shared that she is preparing for the October 12 campus wide GenEd discussion. The updated GenEd document lists the incremental steps that could be taken by the end of academic year 2021-2022. There are still many questions to be answered. The campus discussion needs to be focused on certain questions so they can be discussed in the time we will have. Ng asked for volunteers from the committee to be at the discussion. A calendar invite will be put on the CC members' calendars. Ng asked if the preference would be for in person or zoom. McPhee commented that it shouldn't be only in-person. The committee agreed that zoom only is preferred. Ng encouraged the committee to add to the GenEd document. There will be one more meeting before the campus discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.