
TRANSFER OF CREDIT COMMITTEE

Minutes of 13 January 2022

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Transfer of Credit Committee was called to order at 2:03 p.m. on 13 January 2022 via Webex video conferencing by Scott Hennessy, chair.

Members in Attendance: Kerrie Harvey, Scott Hennessy, Melinda Holohan, Edward Kudzia, David Paul, Steve Miller, Kenneth Smith, Nicolas Witschi, Jeffrey Xie

Members Absent: MK Mohanan

Advisory Members Absent: Alice Molvern

Ex Officio in Attendance: Carrie Cumming

Ex Officio Absent: Timothy Michael

Guests: Randy Ott, Senior Director, Academic Collaboration, Merze Tate; Colin Scott, Assistant Director of Admissions, Admissions

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by Cumming, seconded by Holohan, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officer

[MOTION] It was moved by Cumming, seconded by Holohan, to elect Harvey as Vice Chair. With one abstention, the motion carried.

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Harvey, seconded by Paul, to approve the 11 November meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Hennessy reported that community college enrollment at WMU is up for spring at a level comparable to pre-COVID numbers.

Ex Officio Cumming reported that Undergraduate Studies Council reviewed, discussed, and approved one curriculum proposal.

Ex Officio Cumming also provided the Graduate Studies Council report stating that the council meets next week.

Report of University Representative

Interim Curriculum Manager Witschi did not provide a report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Ott and Scott shared with the committee that 3+1 programs are becoming more of an interest to community college partners, acknowledging that WMU may be falling behind in this opportunity. Scott shared some examples from Eastern Michigan University and Ferris State University. It was stated that

more and more four-year institutions are allowing for more than 60 hours of credit and up to 90 credits toward these programs. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of such programs as it relates to WMU degree requirements, reputation, and enrollment. It was suggested that the committee seek a department that would have an interest in piloting a program. International Admissions is having higher demand for accelerated graduate programs, so perhaps a 2+3 program could be possible.

Hennessy, Scott, and Ott are looking to conduct and launch training for credit transfer and articulation agreements. Ott is scheduled to present at the 23 February Academic Forum. Possible considerations are the evaluation of transfer credits and developing consistency when reviewing department credit, direct equivalent, or no credit. The development of a flowchart to document the workflow is necessary. Discussion was held regarding dissemination of the information to pertinent parties and/or creating a video series and in-person sessions.

Announcements

Orientation registration opens on 28 January, and a special transfer student event sponsored by Admissions is scheduled for 1 April.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Harvey, seconded by Kudzia, to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Transfer of Credit Committee will meet next on Thursday, 10 February 2022.

Approval

Submitted by Steve Miller, Secretary

Minutes approved on 3 March 2022.