University Curriculum Committee Task Force

October 11, 2017

10:00 – 11:30

Present: Carrie Cook, John Karlis, Ellen France, Lyndall Muschell, Sallie Coke, Edward Whatley, John Swinton, Mary Magoulick, Catherine Whelan, Costas Spirou and Kelli Brown

1. The President has charged the University Curriculum Committee Task Force with the development of a University Curriculum Committee outside of the University Senate to ensure that faculty have complete jurisdiction over curricular decisions.
2. The General Education Committee can maintain some of the SoCC tasks (review of GC1Y and GC2Y submissions), but can also have broader responsibilities. For example, the upcoming GC Journeys program will require significant attention as we move forward with its implementation. Some Department Chairs in the College of Arts & Sciences have requested that the university revisits the GC1Y and GC2Y offerings since that college is responsible for the majority of the offerings in Area B. Additionally, there may be a need to have a broader conversation about Area B at Georgia College.
3. Update all items from “Reviews and Approves” to “Reviews and Recommends.” Additionally, remove “College Curriculum Committee Review and Approves” and replace with “College Reviews and Recommends” since the curriculum approval process varies by college.
4. An alternative structure was offered, eliminating the presence of a university-wide curriculum review body. Under this format, college curriculum recommendations would be submitted directly from the colleges to the Provost and then forwarded to the President. It was also proposed that the existing structure within the Senate continue, with the stipulation that only faculty members may vote on curriculum related issues.
5. Another alternative structure was offered, creating an entity parallel to the Graduate Council. The Undergraduate Council would only review and recommend undergraduate curriculum submissions.
6. Should members of the UCC be tenure track or tenured faculty? Can non tenure track faculty serve on the UCC (ie full-time lecturers)?
7. Membership to the General Education Committee should be a mix of UCC members (maybe the Chair) and others that represent each area of the core. Expertise across these areas can make for a great blended model.
8. Issues that relate to curriculum policy would be forwarded to ECUS for routing.
9. CAPC may focus on assessment and curriculum policy.
10. To ensure transparency the current University Senate motion database will be used and meeting minutes will be available.
11. Action items by the UCC will be shared with the University Senate as Information Items.
12. The first paragraph of the document will be rewritten to appropriately reflect the purpose of the UCC.
13. Everyone was encouraged to share additional observations and feedback with the Provost and Sr. Associate Provost.
14. It was suggested that we meet at the common meeting time in November and December. It is expected that the Task Force will complete its charge by the end of the calendar year.