The committee met on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at 11:15 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Bayer, Bradley, Brumfield, Childers, Conrad, Fillian, Gegenheimer, Hilding, Jackson, Kelly, Neidert, Stock
Guests: J. Johnson

Welcome: Professor Neidert called the meeting to order. There was an insufficient number of CUSA members present to hold a quorum so no votes were taken during this meeting. Discussions continued on the Certificate proposal and the BGS proposal.

Approval of CUSA Minutes: N/A

Dean’s Office Update: No report at this time.

SAS Office Update: Mr. Fillian reported that 109 Strong Hall is in the process of being renovated.

Subcommittee Assignments:

a. Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements/ KU Core Proposals

1. Curricular Changes for Approval

The Curricular Changes nominations were sent out for an electronic vote. The Curricular Changes were passed with the following vote, 10 to approve, 4 did not vote

NEW COURSES APPROVED: EVRN 170, HWC 175

CHANGES APPROVED: N/A

2. Degree Requirements for Approval

N/A

3. KU Core Proposals

a. THR 120

Due to lack of a quorum, no vote took place on the KU Core Proposal.

4. Recommended Policy Changes

a. BGS Continuing Discussion. Professor Conrad presented the new BGS Proposal draft and opened up the discussion to the floor. CUSA members discussed the draft proposal point by point offering their support, suggestions and changes. Professor Neidert will incorporate the suggestions and changes discussed and will submit an updated draft of the proposal to CUSA for additional discussion and clarification. The goal for the BGS Proposal is to submit the finalized proposal to CAC during their May meeting.

b. Academic Standards Report

a. Certificate Proposal discussion. Professor Neidert began by discussing the feedback received from departments. There was some concern expressed using the term ‘certificate’ for the program and how it will impact and be impacted by current certificate programs already offered by the university and how these certificates could be differentiated. It was determined that the term ‘certificate’ was widely used and understood and should remain.

Another issue to be addressed was the maximum number of hours and the possible difficulty that the sciences may have in holding to that limit, given the labs they would require. A note will be added to the proposal that states: A minimum of 12 hours and no more than 14 required hours. Exceptions to this will be approved on a case by case basis.

It is understood that the Provost’s Office has delegated the UCCC to be the approving body for the certificate proposals. The proposals would need to be approved by CUSA, then CAC and then go to UCCC, as the representative of the Provost’s Office, for final approval.

Next steps: A motion to approve the following was seconded and passed unanimously by the members of CUSA that were present. An e-vote was sent out to the members not present so that a quorum could be reached. Results of the e-vote are as follows: 2 to approve, 1 to oppose, and 2 did not vote. The motion was passed with a majority.
1. give nominating departments flexibility to recommend certificates beyond the credit range suggested (especially in cases of Science-based certificates).
2. SAS will have significant difficulties in administering the awarding of the certificate at graduation. We felt that the awarding should be when the student earns it.

c. Advising and Awards
   No report at this time.

Adjournment 12:40 p.m.