A. PRELIMINARIES --

1a. Attendance:

- Members: Carmen Febles, Deidre Caputo-Levine, Steve Byers, Cathy Gray, Janet Loxterman, Geoffrey Bennett (chair), Gene Warren, Wendy Mickelsen, LaVona Andrew, Barb Mason, Nabin Mahat
- Ex-Officio: Alan Frantz (for Joanne Tokle), Chris Hunt, JoAnn Hertz
- Admin. Asst: Catherine Read

1b. Excused: Joanne Toevs, Wenxiang Zhu; Emily White, Corey Zink

1c. Absent: none

1e. Guests: Joanne Tokle (Academic Affairs), John Gribas (Assoc. Dean, CAL), Jim DiSanza (Chair, CMP dept.), Matt Wilson (GERC)

Members welcomed Nabin Mahat, ASISU’s newly appointed representative as a full voting member of the Council.

2. Council approved, with one abstention, the Minutes for October 3, 2019

   Minutes for September 26, 2019 were deferred until next week

3. Report from the Executive Committee: no report, did not meet this week.

4. Discussion regarding potential new ISU 1101 course and ACAD 1104 deletion

   John Gribas and Jim DiSanza from College of Arts & Letters introduced themselves. ACAD courses are under Arts & Letters. DiSanza explained College of Arts & Letters had concerns about how well ACAD courses were serving students; data showed the courses are not effective in improving student retention. A task force was formed to revamp the ACAD 1104 course to create a new ISU 1101 course ready to have 10-15 sections implemented in Fall 2020 as an experimental course. The main purpose for the course is to improve student retention campus wide. The course results will be monitored to determine its effectiveness. Quite a few focus groups of faculty, students, and staff from Student Services have been held to get broad perspective on what content would best benefit students. This type of course is now commonly taught at other institutions around the nation.

   Gribas and DiSanza acknowledged faculty concerns about the course originating from Student Affairs instead of from an academic unit. Discussions are still ongoing where the course will ultimately be housed. GERC discussed this proposed course in their last meeting, most members had not heard about it before. GERC’s main concern was that if a course is required of all students, why wouldn’t it belong as a gen ed course? The idea of this new ISU 1101 course being a mandatory 3-credit course for all students has been pulled back, so some concerns may be alleviated.

   Carmen Febles, as the UCC rep handling this proposal, explained how UCC became involved. Questions are: who is instructing these courses, and who are the voting faculty to approve the UCC proposal and oversee the course. UCC requires a full proposal for creating this new course, originating from an academic unit that has the official oversight of the course, with a faculty body to vote on the UCC catalog proposal. There also have to be some assurances about who will be teaching the course, and the minimum qualifications of the instructors. Discussion. Gribas suggested the proposed ISU course be assigned to Arts & Letters at least for now, and the College’s executive committee be the voting faculty and oversight body for this course.
5. Information from Academic Affairs:
   The Provost conveys her full support of this Council and its purview over the undergraduate curriculum and catalog.

6. Current Subcommittee Activities:
   a. General Education Requirements Committee (GERC) update
      GERC is starting to take a look at the shape of the overall Gen Ed program, especially Objectives 7, 8, and 9. They formed a subcommittee to survey faculty and gather input.
   b. BAS Committee update -- none

7. Information from the Chair: none

8. Information from the Faculty Senate and other Councils: Faculty Senate meets this coming Monday.

9. Other related information or questions: none

B. INFORMATION ITEMS - none this week

C. CONSENT CALENDAR – Council approved the Consent Calendar in its entirety.

   Minor Catalog Changes (no proposal needed, just a memo showing the exact changes): none this week

   1. Council approved, as part of the Consent Calendar, Change Memo 12: AY2020-21 Update prerequisite for PPRA 3314 from Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences (Appendix A)

   2. Council approved, as part of the Consent Calendar, Change Memo 13: AY2020-21 ENGL course drops and changes from English & Philosophy (Appendix B)

D. REMAINS TABLED –

   1. Change Memo 11: AY2020-21 Add ISU subject code and 1199 from Student Affairs. Tabled pending further discussion of ramifications and logistics of the larger picture for ISU prefix course(s) and ACAD 1104.

   2. Proposal #16 from Marketing & Management to create new course MGT 4475, update courses and prerequisites, and delete redundant MGT, MKTG, and BA courses. Had been tabled pending impact response from Paralegal Studies. Remains tabled for another week.

      Hunt suggested UCC consider creating different levels of impact responses required for approval of proposals, since not all units are affected equally by proposed changes. He will work on a list of criteria and bring it to the Executive Committee for their consideration first.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

   Curriculum, Course, and Program Change Proposals:

   1. Council approved Proposal #24 from ART (Appendix 1) to update courses, curriculum, and degree requirements for BA, BFA, and minors.

   2. Proposal #25 from History to update courses and curriculum, create new courses, delete old courses. Tabled pending receipt of impact responses.
3. Proposal #26 from Theatre & Dance to update Dance courses and curriculum, create new DANC 3305, and to change the name of the major to Dance Studies. Requires SBOE approval of Letter of Notification #2019-LON-06 to change the name of the major. Tabled pending answers to questions.

F. NEW BUSINESS – Council voted to accept and immediately table the following items until next time.

Curriculum, Course, and Program Change Proposals:

1. Proposal #27 from Global Studies & Languages to update GLBL courses & curriculum, create new GLBL 3400, delete GLBL 2200 & 4400; catalog cleanup for Languages curriculum.

2. Proposal #28 from Finance & Economics to create new course ECON 4452 to replace ECON 3352 which is being deleted.

3. Proposal #29 from Paramedic Science to update BS in Health Science – Emergency Medical Services concentration (BSHS-EMS) degree requirements and pre-reqs.

4. Proposal #30 from Emergency Management to add five HE courses as electives for the BS in Emergency Management degree.

5. Proposal #31 from Fire Services Administration to change MATH 1153 from required to recommended course for the AS in Fire Services Administration degree.

6. Proposal #32 from Nursing to create new course NURS 4105, increase credits for NURS 4400, and update admissions pre-reqs for BS Nursing: RN completion program.

G. ADJOURNMENT: 4:20 p.m.

APPENDICES

ACTIONS APPROVED:

Minor Catalog Changes (no proposal needed, just a memo showing the exact changes):

A. Change Memo 12: from Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Science to add BIOL 2227 and BIOL 2228 as prerequisite options for PPRA 3314 to facilitate the graduation of transfer students from the B.S. in Dental Hygiene.

B. Change Memo 13: from English & Philosophy to delete ENGL 0090, ENGL 1100, and ENGL 4441, and to change semesters offered for ENGL 4491 from F,S to S.

STATE PROPOSALS ENDORSED: - None this week.

CURRICULUM PROPOSALS APPROVED:

1. Proposal #24 from ART to update courses, curriculum, and degree requirements for BA, BFA, and minors.