I. Call to Order
   • Call to order at 3:12 pm by Chair Babcock

II. Approval of the November 1st, 2017 meeting minutes
   • Motion to approve by – majority

III. New Courses (Chair-Elect Richards)
   The following courses were approved in steering:
   HSTR 105: Making Our World in Ten Events
   PSYX 443: Collective Memory
   ERTH 519: Watershed Hydrology for Teachers
   ESOF 523: Software Testing and Analysis
   M 507: Mathematical Optimization
   MB 533: Current Topics in Microbiology for Teachers
PSPP 549: Plants, People, Health for Teachers
LRES 585: Water Quality in the Classroom
LRES 584: Twelve Principles of Soil Science
LRES 583: The Dirt on Soil Science for Elementary Teachers

New courses for consideration*:
HORT 120: Introduction to Landscape Design and Studio
HTR 220: Sustainability in the Hospitality Industry
KIN 335: Tissue Injury and Adaptation
NASX 455: Activism & Indignity
PSCI 530: Tools of Public Administration

*If no concerns are communicated by senators, these courses will be considered for approval by Faculty Senate steering committee next week.

IV. New Program BSLA-BS in Landscape Architecture (First Reading, Chair-elect Richards)
• Replaces Landscape Design Option of Environmental Horticulture BS in Plant Sciences and Pathology Department. Program will be accredited by Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB). No accredited Landscape Architecture program exists in the State of Montana. Retain and recruit students
• Montana does not yet require degree from an accredited program for licensure. Degree from an accredited program is required by 46 states and two Canadian Provinces. Lack of license reduces competitiveness in regional and national marketplace
• Current students in Landscape Design will transition to Landscape Architecture. Retain students who may otherwise have left to pursue accredited degree elsewhere.
• Anticipated growth from 28 students to 50-60 students in the accredited program.
• Programmatic emphasis on science, rural/regional planning and habitat restoration
• Phase-in 7 new courses
  LARC 120 (HORT 120), 201, 202, 301 and 401 Design Studio Series
  LARC 410 Professional Practice
  LARC 437 Portfolio Development (Su)

Adequate facilities currently exist but will need to be expanded as program grows

Accreditation Process
Five years (2022) to apply for “Initial Accreditation”
Two existing Tenure Track faculty
One additional FTE (NTT or TT)
“Full Accreditation” period over 1 to 6 yrs – increase faculty FTE to five

Questions and discussion –
• 50 students and 5 faculty. Ratio is the same across the country.
• Jim Meyer – History asked about employment opportunities for this degree. Response- program sponsor responded that folks can work in parks, planning at municipal level, graduates enter workforce at higher level – can work internationally – wide range from municipal, transportation, restoration, university systems.
• No more discussion. Email Chair Babcock with any further questions

V. Old Business
CRAEA Proposal- Executive Action (Chair Babcock)
Deans Council has not endorsed the center at this time. Waiting on Faculty Senate
Jessie Smith (PSYCHOLOGY) – motion to table. Motion was seconded
Chair Babcock reminded senators what this motion means
  • Statement by Jessie Smith; felt like senate need more time to consider proposal.
Vote
- Yes – 24
- No – 5
- Abstention – 1
- Motion to table passes.

VI. New Business
   Presentation by Dean Lee, Honors College- Not able to be present. Reschedule at future time

VII. Public Comment
   - No public comments

VIII. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn – motion and seconded at 3:33