PRESENT: Katherine Arbuthnott, Doug Cripps, James D’Arcy, David deMontigny, Liz Domm, Robin Evans, Luanne Drake, John Kincaid, Bev Liski (Recording Secretary), Cameron Louis, Nader Mobed, Gary Morin, Val Mulholland, Miguel Sanchez, David Senkow (Chair), Lianda Tanner

GUESTS: Mandy Kiel (Registrar’s Office), Martha Mathurin (UR International), Donnell Schoenhofen (Enrolment Services)

OBSERVER: Kathleen Sabo

REGRETS: Volker Greifenhagen, Kathleen Irwin, Wes Pearce, Joe Piwowar, Annette Revet, John Smith

David Senkow agreed to assume the role of chair for the meeting, in absence of Kathleen Irwin.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   Morin - Cripps

   Moved approval of the agenda as distributed.  

   CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, October 10, 2014

   Cripps - Piwowar

   Moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2014 as distributed.  

   CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Creation of BA Combined Major in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) – Item 6.1 of October 10, 2014 Minutes

3.1.1 Report from Council Committee on Academic Mission
3.1.2 Response from Faculty of Arts to concerns raised by CCAM

   The Faculty of Arts submitted their report to CCAM for consideration in July; however, it was not considered until October, unfortunately following the CCUAS meeting.  It is now being resubmitted for consideration.

   Louis – Arbuthnott

   Moved approval to create a BA Combined Major in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), as detailed in Appendix I, pages 11 and 12 of the agenda material, effective 201510.  

   CARRIED
   Unanimously
4 OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Reports from Task Forces, Commissions or Sub-committees

4.1.1 Commission to Review Fresh Start Program

There was nothing to report.

4.1.2 University Regulations Sub-committee

The committee met once since the last CCUAS meeting. A potential template for the web-based calendar is being developed. A more comprehensive report will be presented in January.

4.1.3 U of R Dual Credit Task Team

No report.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Joint Report from the Faculties of Arts and Science

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Louis – Mobed

Moved, effective immediately upon final approval,

To change the names of the BSc Combined Major in Geology and Geography (Geology Stream) to BSc in Environmental Geoscience, to add/delete courses as detailed in Appendix II, pages 14 and 15 of the agenda material; and,

To change the names of the BSc Honours Combined Major in Geology and Geography (Geology Stream) to BSc Honours in Environmental Geoscience, and add/delete courses as detailed in Appendix II, pages 15-17 of the agenda material.

CARRIED

Mobed-Louis

Moved to replace GEOG 205 with GEOG 203, and GEOG 301 and 305, with two other 300- or 400-level GEOG courses in the BSc Combined Major in Biology and Geography, and update the list of acceptable BIOL courses, as detailed in Appendix II, pages 17 and 18 of the agenda material, effective immediately upon final approval.

CARRIED

Mobed – Louis

Moved to replace GEOG 205 (Geographic Data: Collection, Interpretation, Display) with GEOG 203 (Introduction to Geographic Information Systems), and to delete the “Geography Stream” option from the BSc Combined Major in Geography and Geology, Geography Stream, and the BSc Honours Combined Major in Geography and Geology, Geography Stream, as detailed in Appendix II, pages 18-20 of the agenda material, effective 201530.

CARRIED
ITEM FOR APPROVAL

Kincaid – Mulholland

Moved that CCUAS approve the revised Academic Recovery Program Regulations as presented in Appendix III, pages 26 and 27 of the agenda material, effective 201530, with the following correction:

Page 27, point 6, correct the spelling of “wich” in the first line.

Regarding the new point 6 on page 27, has ARP discussed this with the faculties? The Faculty of Business Administration is not really supportive of this change as they would require a lot of conditions for readmission and they would prefer students make better choices. Since an MW is from the University, students would most likely already have been RTDd from the Faculty of Business Administration and transferred to another faculty.

The Faculty of Nursing has a problem with this as well. Sometimes there is more than academics that result in a student’s withdrawal, eg. Clinical or if spots aren’t available.

Should students have to petition for readmission? Is there provision for them to seek admission to another faculty? What happens if students aren’t readmitted? These are all questions that need to be addressed.

Students in the Faculty of Education are not typically caught in this situation.

Students who are about to be withdrawn may opt into the ARP before the MW is applied.

The old wording of point 6 may be preferable to the new wording. If this point were amended, point 3 would have to be amended as well as they would immediately contradict one another.

The mover and seconder agreed to withdraw the motion and send it back to the ARP committee for further discussion.

The sub-committee will be meeting on November 14th.

5.3 Report from UR International

Martha Mathurin from the UR International Office joined the meeting to speak to this item. It was noted that the reason this was being presented as a motion rather than for information, which is typically how course changes are presented, was because UR International is not an academic unit and these changes therefore require approval by CCUAS. The change will be reported to Executive of Council for information.

Cripps – Evans

Moved to amend the grade mode for the following two courses, as detailed in Appendix IV, page 28 of the agenda material, that would facilitate the registration of exchange students who are completing a research placement or industry (work) placement at the University of Regina. The grade mode is currently MC (Maintenance of Candidacy) and should be changed to P/F (Pass/Fail), effective 201420.
This credit (3) needs to be on the student’s transcript and this change would facilitate this need. The students’ home institutions have been questioning why no credit has been appearing on their transcripts when they have successfully completed these courses. MC carries no credit.

Do these students pay a co-op fee? Yes.

How would a student fail? Faculties oversee the placement and would determine whether or not a student has successfully completed the course.

The Registrar’s Office scheduling area will correct the grade mode and then change the grade from MC to P or F.

The question was called on the Cripps-Evans motion.

5.4 Charge for New Student Orientation Day

There is currently a $25 fee for students to attend orientation and, since it is in the University’s best interest that all first-year students attend and since a fee may discourage attendance, it would be a good idea not to charge.

What ‘big ticket items’ does the fee cover? The big ticket items are food, speakers, facilities rental and staff for the event. The Director of Enrolment Services will provide a breakdown for review by the committee at a future meeting.

Are there complaints from students or parents about the fee? There are not really complaints but more questions from parents about why students have to pay.

Faculties and colleges should have a greater role in orientation, but it is preferable not to have to ask them for money.

The majority of Canadian institutions don’t charge for orientation events but typically they are funded differently than the U of R’s event. Those that don’t charge have events that are university funded, for which a budget is set and within which organizers must work.

What percentage of first-year students attend? The Director of Enrolment Services reported that less than half attend. He will provide more concrete numbers at a future meeting.

Student Affairs has funded this event previously but funds have not been sufficient to cover the costs. The organizing committee determined a charge was needed.

Enrolment Services, with support of the faculties, could ask for funding for this event in the next round of budget requests.

UR International covers the costs for international students.

There should not be a problem with charging for something of value.

What is the correlation of student retention to orientation attendance? This is hard to gauge.
The Director of Enrolment Services will bring a recommendation to the next CCUAS meeting, if there is support to ask the Budget Committee for money for this event.

AGREED

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Date of Next Meeting and Deadline for Submission of Agenda Material

This item was noted for information.

6.2 Call for Teaching and Meeting Schedule for Winter 2015 Term

This item was noted for information.

8. CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 2:58 p.m.