

June 12, 2018 Curriculum Council OP Course Designator Recap

OP Course Designator – Kara Witzke, OSU-Cascades

- The proposed course designator would be for a proposed BS in Outdoor Products degree program at OSU Cascades – there is an odd parallel processing of what needs to be in place for Cat IIs to be submitted.
- There is currently no college home – Becky Johnson at OSU-Cascades has been talking with a dean about this program; a new degree program director has recently been hired. Witzke indicated that this program is so unique and interdisciplinary that it doesn't seem to fit into a particular college.
- One Council member noted the need of a draft proposal of the Cat I.
 - Witzke responded that the course designator request is being made so they can work on courses during the summer.
 - Thompson noted that the Council can review draft proposals
- What is cost of creating a course designator if it is never used? Mathern responded that the request would not be able to be added to the CPS if faculty from a college doesn't submit courses that the Curriculum Council has then approved.

Action: Mathew moved to table the proposal until more information is available on the program; motion seconded and passed unanimously.

- Will CIM (replacing the CPS) be able to allow this type of request? Mathern responded that the new system will still require the appropriate approval, so would still need to be approved by a Dean, submitted to CIM and reviewed by the Curriculum Council.
- Witzke asked about next steps. Ossiander responded that the question is about what academic ties the program will have – a college needs to be identified.
 - Witzke questioned the possibility of no college stepping up and added that the program is OSU-Cascades only and Corvallis would not benefit from the program. Donors want the program.
 - One responded that this question would arise if there is actually is no college that agrees to sponsor the program. The draft coursework and proposal can be reviewed outside of the CPS.
- Hamblin stated that the program needs a dean ally at the college level. Everyone must play by the same rules – Cascades is not being singled out. He is working with a similar program (Marine Studies) and had to search among colleges before an academic home was found.