MINUTES OF THE SERVICE-LEARNING SUBCOMMITTEE

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Members Present: R. Toro, B. Boone, V. Luo, B. Singh, P. Xu, A. Gallo, L. Toste, S. Hart, Z. Bagdasarov, B. Hays, C. Fiorentino, M. Jendian

Members Absent: X. Fu

The meeting was called to order by temporary Chairperson, Betsy Hays, at 1:35pm

1. It was moved, seconded and approved (MSC) to approve the meeting agenda.
2. Rosa Toro arrived and assumed Chairperson duties.
3. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2016 meeting. There were no October meeting minutes as the meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items needing committee attention.
4. Vivien Luo provided an update regarding CM 180AS, which was initially up for 5-year S designation review in spring 2016. The Construction Management Department is reconsidering some of the course offerings and where service-learning best fits. They have asked to table the 5-year review of CM 180AS until spring of 2017, when they will finalize curriculum changes. It was MSC to approve extending the 5-year review of CM 180AS until spring 2017.
5. The 5-year review of Spanish 115S was presented by Steve Hart. The Working Group’s recommendation is to not approve the course for recertification at this time. However, due to several extenuating circumstances, it was MSC to provide the department with the Working Group’s findings and to extend the review period until fall 2017. Chris will communicate the recommendations and the extension with the Department Chair.
6. Chris shared the Physics 168S 5-year review findings. In general, Physics 168S is an exemplary SL course. While some shortcomings in the syllabus were found, the required changes are not major. It was MSC to approve the course for S recertification provided the recommended changes are made to the syllabus and it is resubmitted for staff review. Chris will communicate this with the faculty member who is responsible for this course.
7. Rosa provided a summary of her Working Group’s findings related to Social Work Education 161S. This course is also a model SL course. It was MSC to approve the course with minor changes. Chris will share these recommendations with the faculty member responsible for the course as soon as Rosa provides a slightly updated S Course Evaluation Form with the committee’s recommendations.

The final SL Subcommittee meeting for fall 2016 will be held on Friday, December 2nd, 1:30-2:30pm, in Thomas 117.

The following brief updates were shared by various members of the committee:

* Several new S designation course proposals are working their way through the curriculum approval process and should be coming before the SL Subcommittee soon. These include proposals from English, Kinesiology, LEBSE, and Earth and Environmental Studies.

* Lilliana shared an update with the committee regarding the Service-Learning Coaches workshops being piloted this semester. These workshops involve students from 5 different courses in peer-led reflection. So far, the workshops have proved very successful and much is being learned that will help improve the SL Coaches program as it moves into its second semester and beyond.
* The new KFSR show, “Fresno State Service In Action” was discussed. This weekly 30-minute show begins in January and will feature stories on the incredible commitment the Fresno State community makes to community engagement and service-learning.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Fiorentino, November 5, 2016.