

Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Curriculum & Student Affairs Committee

Minutes of May 16, 2003 Meeting

Present: Ball, Banning, Boissonnault, Crouse, Gilchrist, Johnson, Kanous, Kirchhoff, Noack, Rosa, Spear (Chair), Thompson, and Zahner
Guests: Mary Carson Bumann, Nadine Nells, Peggy Ore and Nancy Sugden

AHEC Coordinator introduction—Mary Carson Bumann was recently hired as Senior Outreach Specialist to coordinate a number of curricular aspects of AHEC.

Nancy Sugden talked about bioterrorism preparedness grant, which is a HRSA grant. The grant would offer a chance for interdisciplinary curriculum—there is \$250,000-400,000 available for curriculum grant. Grant would pay for faculty time to do curriculum development. Need to bring the group together in June if UW-Madison would want to apply for this grant. The outcome needs to be a required course in some discipline within 2 years' time.

Discussed possibility of developing didactic teaching modules on-line and then use classroom meeting time to have interdisciplinary group discussions or processing. There was mentioned a possible link to MPH curriculum in the future.

Nadine Nehls – came to the committee meeting to present Project Mainstream that is funded by HRSA, SAMSA, and AMERSA. Rich Brown is the program director. There are a wide range of targeted health professionals for this substance abuse prevention grant. The project funds interdisciplinary teams to infuse substance abuse prevention into curriculum – Nursing, Medicine, and Social Work as the primary departments involved.

A pilot interdisciplinary seminar is planned for next spring—will address women with physical and sexual abuse history who have a substance abuse and mental health history. The target students for the seminar will be MS1, MS2, Nursing students and Social Work students.

Nadine's grant group is struggling with what is interdisciplinary learning—"what do we bring that is different?" What are the pertinent issues for faculty development? How can this work be sustained once the grant is gone remains an issue for Project Mainstream coordinator faculty – Nadine Nehls, Joy Newman and Alev Wilk.

There was discussion about Karin Kirchhoff's interdisciplinary end-of-life course. The course was apparently well-received this year.

Interdisciplinary Objectives:

The committee discussed finalizing the list of objectives.

Modeling of interdisciplinary process by actions of faculty members involved in the course – add to the existing list of objectives!

Need to state the objectives differently to look like criteria and to serve as guidelines

Not parallel play – interactive activities instead, but how will this occur?
 Demonstrate how interdisciplinary teaching will occur – should be described in courses seeking to utilize the interdisciplinary slot

Suggested process:

Faculty developing a course would apply for school or college curriculum committee approval first, then faculty would appeal for use of timeslot.

Faculty need to know criteria as they are developing potential interdisciplinary courses. This needs to happen as soon as possible for timely implementation for courses beginning in the fall of 2004. Sue Rosa and Mary Carson Bumann will work on wording of the guidelines with Kathy Skibinski and develop a draft form for faculty to use who wish to use timeslot. Will forward this to committee when available in draft form for review.

Interdisciplinary skills module—questionably develop from the committee; should meet the level of student needs; possibly place learning objects on-line.

Bill, Jane and Jerry to work on it, along with Sue Rosa, Mary Bumann and Connie Kraus. Will meet as the Ad Hoc Committee On Curriculum over the summer to keep this project active so that committee can hit the ground running in the fall.

Need to determine course approval process for faculty applying to use the timeslot

“What does a social worker do?” – part of course criteria or learning objects

Interaction skills – how is this currently taught? Med School (Meg Little) – has expertise around delivering bad news, preventing medical mistakes, dealing with end-of-life
 Role enactment by faculty related to their discipline.

Faculty development issues group – possible members include Byron Crouse, Craig Gjerde, and Scott Spear. This group could meet this summer as well.

Will need to talk with Sybil Better about process to use to receive and review submissions. Will need to receive Health Sciences Council approval for this process.

Does timetable change include Law or Bio-Engineering at this point?

Core schools' faculty need to know about timetable change initially. Will need to work with Health Sciences Council to publicize this information and process of curriculum approval to use the slot.

Committee gave best wishes to Curt Johnson and Kennedy Gilchrist on their retirements from the university and to Andrea Ball who is moving to Portland, OR to assume a new position.

These committee memberships will need to be filled, as well as those members whose terms are expiring. It is hoped that this can be accomplished over the summer so that the committee can begin meeting in September. Delaying the first meeting until October or November could compromise the committee timeline of implementing the interdisciplinary guidelines and review process for Fall 2004.

Next IHSC meeting is scheduled for [Friday, September 19, 2003](#), from 8-9:30 a.m.