**O’Malley School of Business Curriculum Committee (BCC)**

January 23, 2019

Member present: Yassir Samra (chair), Ahmed Goma (via call-in), Hany Guirguis, Musa Jafar, Min Jung Kim, Mary Michel (via call-in), Hyeon Park, Fengyun Wu, and Janet Rovenpor (ex-officio), Donald Gibson (ex-officio)

Meeting place and time: Smiddy Conference Room at 12:00 PM

Meeting Agenda

1. The agenda of the meeting was adopted:

Review of the Minutes of the December 5th meeting.

Review of Honors Program proposal.

Review of MBA Program proposal.

1. The minutes of December 5, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously (upon changing the name of the submitter).
2. Associate Dean Janet Rovenpor introduced the proposal of moving from a General MBA Program to an MBA Program with Concentrations.
   1. Associate Dean Rovenpor first explained the reason for the necessary change: to raise the profile of the MBA program by adapting to changing student demands that concentrate in specific areas of interest.
   2. Associate Dean Rovenpor further explained the process that the School has gone through for the change: an extensive process with department chairs, the faculty, MBA coordinators, Dean and Planning Committee, and Provost to discuss the program re-construction for the change, as described in Provost’s commission, “Specialization is the way to go”.
   3. Associate Dean Rovenpor addressed the details of the change with the NYSDE request form ‘Change or Adapt a Registered Program’ to be submitted to The State Education Department (page 5 of the form): under the new program, students can choose from one of three concentrations. Students, who do not wish to specialize but for a General MBA, can choose courses across the concentrations. Thus, students expect to have 6 core courses, 1 capstone course, three possible concentrations and a total of 36 credits.
3. The proposal was approved unanimously (Motion: Dr. Guirguis; Second: Dr. Jafar).
4. Dean Donald Gibson introduced the proposal of the Business Honors Program and addressed the details for further discussions.
   1. Dean Gibson explained the background of the proposal: he has been working with the planning committee on a Business Honors program. The School needs a rigorous program for our best students, a program which is common in the market place nowadays and offers interdisciplinary courses.
   2. Dean Gibson addressed the purpose and feature of the program that is aimed at the high achieving and highly-motivated business students. He expects the program will be signaling to the market that the School values challenging students academically.
   3. Dean Gibson explained the rationale of introducing the program, how this program would attract enrollment and help retention of distinguished students.
   4. Dean Gibson also explained the structure of the program (admissions, courses, credits, field trip and thesis) and the time line of the possible introduction of the program.
5. The proposal of the Business Honors program was discussed: Dr. Guirguis, Associate Dean Rovenpor, the Chair, and the Dean discussed issues regarding credits requirement (a reduction may be desired), and the chair raised the question about research program, how it is related to the existing independent study, research, case study and internship program.
6. All committee members present and those who are on the phone further discussed on the issues related to the following topics: student selection (GPA vs. motivation; qualification vs. quantified numbers; criterion), grading, advising, community, fund raising, advising, thesis, majors, and other admission/program related issues and concerns.
7. The proposal will be waiting for feedback/discussion/approval at the coming full Faculty meeting (January 29, 2019).
8. The chair asked for adjourn (motion by Dr. Wu and second by Dr. Jafar).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM

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