

University Undergraduate Academic Council
April 1, 2015, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Adams Center Conference Room

Present: S. Lewis, S. Jones, D. Pope, J. Reese, S. Wages, D. Williams

Absent: P. Lakey, G. Powell, S. Stewart, V. Williams

Ex-officios: T. Baggs, J. Cardot, E. Gumm, B. Fang

Guests: R. Byrd, B. Crisp, L. Lemley, S. Macaluso, T. Milholland, J. Neill, L. Peña, T. Pope, B. Scott, J. Stewart

The meeting began at 3:35 p.m.

I. Call to order by S. Lewis

II. Prayer by D. Williams

III. Approval of the minutes from 3.18.15

Motion to approve by S. Jones; seconded by D. Pope; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

IV. Changes to Spanish Minor

V. Communication information items (course description, prerequisite, and substantive changes)

VI. History information items (course title, description, and substantive changes)

There was no discussion by the council on the above items because they were information only.

VII. Dialektos course closures

S. Lewis presented this proposal. The courses related to the Dialektos program are still in the catalog, but they have not been offered in four semesters, so the courses should be closed and removed from the catalog.

Motion to approve by J. Reese; seconded by D. Williams; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

VIII. Close HIST 421/521

S. Lewis presented this proposal. The department does not have anyone to teach the course, and it is not required for any degree plans, so it should be closed.

Motion to approve by D. Pope; seconded by S. Jones; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

IX. Add FIN 419 to the cultural awareness menu

J. Stewart presented this proposal. COBA offers several international courses that are in this menu (BUSA 419, MGMT 419, MKTG 419), so the Accounting and Finance department wants to include this course, too. J. Stewart has not taught the class in the last three years, which is why the course was not previously added to the cultural awareness menu. Now that the course is being taught again, they want it in this menu. J. Neill noted that Accounting majors and Financial Management majors have to take an international business course, and this is a good option for them.

Motion to approve by J. Reese; seconded by D. Williams; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

X. New course: FIN 434

T. Pope presented the applications for FIN 434 and FIN 439 together. Both courses have previously been taught as Special Topics courses, and both would be elective options in the Financial Management major. FIN 434 is a portfolio management course with hypothetical portfolios. FIN 439 is a course for the student managed investment fund. This class is more like a job, as students actually manage part of ACU's endowment. Both courses are good real-world experiences for the students.

Motion to approve FIN 434 by J. Reese; seconded by S. Jones; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

XI. New course: FIN 439

See discussion from item X.

Motion to approve FIN 439 by D. Williams; seconded by D. Pope; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

XII. Computer Science degree plan changes

B. Crisp presented this proposal. The main change is reducing the number of elective hours from 9 to 6. The other degree plan changes are a result of that. Regarding the other graduation requirements, CS 111 should have been removed from the graduation requirements years ago; that was a mistake that has now been caught. They also want to make changes to the prerequisite grades due to issues with students getting into upper level courses that had not done well enough in lower level courses. They also want to add a minimum grade of "C" to some classes, as outlined on the proposal.

Motion to approve by D. Pope; seconded by S. Jones; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

XIII. IT Concentration name change

This was not a voting item.

XIV. New course: IT 472

R. Byrd presented this new course application. Students have requested more experience in the security field. They created this course first because it is a general overview to advanced security. There are 10 different domains covered in this class. This will prepare students for typical certification tests (CISSP).

Motion to approve by J. Reese; seconded by D. Pope; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

XV. Include SOCI 222 in the Social Science menu

S. Macaluso presented this proposal. This course (Social Problems) is a general overview of social problems in the U.S. and it also covers some international issues. This course is a great fit for ACU's mission and is a solid introduction to Social Science. S. Lewis asked if this course is required in any degree plans. S. Macaluso said no. J. Reese asked if it should be considered for the cultural awareness menu. S. Macaluso said yes, she might send a proposal for that later.

Motion to approve by J. Reese; seconded by D. Williams; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

XVI. Include SOCI 442 in the Cultural Awareness menu

S. Macaluso presented this proposal. This course (Cultural Diversity) is an overview of all types of culture within an American context. Students will discuss their own experiences with diversity. S. Lewis asked if this course will be required in any degree plans. S. Macaluso said it would be a Sociology elective in the Sociology degree plan.

Motion to approve by D. Pope; seconded by J. Reese; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

XVII. Include ANTH 101 in Cultural Awareness menu

S. Macaluso presented this proposal. This course is a basic overview of the four fields of Anthropology. Students will seek to understand culture through various lenses.

Motion to approve by S. Jones; seconded by D. Williams; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

XVIII. New course: COMS 392

L. Lemley presented this new course application. This will be a rhetorical criticism course. This is a research oriented course; students must do a research project analyzing an aspect of popular culture. This will replace COMS 407 in the degree plan.

Motion to approve by J. Reese; seconded by D. Williams; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

XIX. Communication action items (course closures and degree plan changes)

J. Cardot presented these items. He first explained the rationale to change all course prefixes from COMS to COMM. Previously there was one large department comprised of JMC, Communication Disorders, Theatre, and Communication, so the S was added to COM to differentiate it from the other disciplines in the large department. ACU's Communication prefix causes confusion outside ACU since most schools use COMM. S. Lewis noted that this is not a voting item.

J. Cardot then brought up the course closures. COMS 286 was required for elementary education majors, but since the state changed requirements they have stopped teaching the course.

Motion to close COMS 286 by J. Reese; seconded by D. Pope; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

J. Cardot stated that COMS 407 should be closed because it is being replaced by the new course (COMS 392).

Motion to close COMS 407 by D. Pope; seconded by D. Williams; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

He then brought up the degree plan changes. The department is enhancing their degree plan by reducing the number of elective hours. They also want to change the names of their suggested emphases in the degree plans. It was then noted that those should be called concentrations instead of emphases in order to create consistency in the catalog.

Motion to approve degree plan changes by J. Reese; seconded by S. Jones; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

XX. Changes to B.S. Kinesiology, KNHP and KSRM concentrations

S. Jones presented this proposal. This change is an answer to the low numbers in HED courses; this will also give students more flexibility in their degree plans.

Motion to approve by D. Williams; seconded by S. Wages; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

XXI. Changes to B.S. Kinesiology, KNHP, KNOT, KNPT concentrations

S. Jones presented this proposal. S. Lewis noted that the only voting piece is the GPA changes. S. Jones said the department needs to raise GPA graduation requirements because of GPA requirements for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy graduate programs. J. Reese asked if the GPA should be moved to higher than 3.2. S. Jones said that 3.2 is the standard minimum GPA for PT and OT graduate programs.

Motion to approve by J. Reese; seconded by D. Pope; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

E. Gumm asked if the GPA standards needed to be retroactive. S. Jones said that the third bullet point on the proposal should be retroactive.

XXII. Changes to B.S. Nutrition, NUEX concentration

S. Jones presented this proposal. The department wanted Nutrition majors to be TAs for PEAC 100 (would get credit for KINE 321/322), but now there is no need for extra TAs. They are also requesting other options for the PEAC menu. S. Lewis noted that there are two changes for the council to vote on. The first is to remove KINE 321/322 from the degree plan. The extra hour will be added to the total number of electives.

Motion to approve by D. Pope; seconded by D. Williams; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.

S. Lewis then noted the second voting item was to expand the PEAC menu.

Motion to approve by J. Reese; seconded by S. Wages; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes