

University Undergraduate Academic Council
February 17, 2016
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Adams Center Conference Room

Present: S. Lewis, S. Stewart, C. Pruett, S. Jones, C. Bacon, I. Shepherd, S. Wages, G. Powell

Absent: V. McCracken, V. Williams

Ex-officios: E. Gumm, P. Vardiman (W. Paris, B. Fang, J. Weaver were not present)

Guests: Josh Brokaw, David Christianson, Lynette Sharp-Penya, Ron Morgan

The meeting began at 3:32 p.m.

I.Call to order by S. Lewis.

II.Prayer by S. Jones.

III.Approval of the minutes from 1.20.16

Motion to approve the minutes by S. Jones seconded by C. Bacon; 6 in favor; 1 abstention; motion passes.

Information Items:

- IV. MATH 309 – Change from a fall course to a spring, even year course
- V. MATH 311 – Change from a spring course to a spring, odd year course
- VI. MATH 381 – Change from a fall course to a fall, odd year course
- VII. MATH 410 – Change from a spring course to a fall, even year course
- VIII. MATH 412 – Change from a fall course to a fall, odd year course

As these were information only, there was no discussion.

Action Items:

- IX. ENVR 345 – Create a cross-listed upper-level elective for Biology majors with the new course number BIOL 345

J. Brokaw – With only two full-time faculty member in Ag & Env. Science Department right now, the Biology Department has been picking up the slack in teaching courses. ENVR 345 is a course I am currently teaching as Biology faculty. Cross-listing this course as BIOL 345 would allow us to remove the conflict in scheduling needs and make it available as an elective to our Biology students. The name will be changed slightly to enhance the fit for Biology students. S. Jones – Didn't we decide to merge these departments? J. Brokaw – No, that is not really happening. E. Gumm – Changing the name of the existing course will carry over to all previous iterations of the course for transcripts. So past students who request transcripts will see the new course name reflected on the transcript. Will that cause a problem? J. Brokaw – No. The names are so similar, it shouldn't be an issue. G. Powell – Did the Ag Department approve this cross-listing as well as the Biology Department? J. Brokaw – Yes, both departments have signed off on the cross-listing.

Motion to approve by C. Pruett; seconded by S. Jones; all in favor; motion passes.

X. Inclusion of HIST 117, 118, 131, and 250 on the Cultural Awareness Menu

S. Lewis – These were previously approved for this menu, but due to some wording on the new core proposal, they were removed from the Cultural Awareness menu by faculty vote. C. Bacon – Was this exclusion an accident? R. Morgan – When we voted, the first document did not mention removing HIST courses from the Cultural Awareness menu, it only mentioned adding the Historical Literacy menu component. When the next document was presented for faculty vote, it was worded in a way where the main bullet stated they were creating a Historical Literacy 3 hour menu and therefore moving the HIST courses from Cultural Awareness to their new home on the Historical Literacy menu. S. Stewart – The Dean approves this move to add it back in? S. Lewis – Yes. S. Stewart – So these courses were already approved for the Cultural Awareness menu previously? S. Lewis – Yes.

Motion to approve by S. Stewart; seconded by C. Bacon; 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions; motion passes.

XI. Inclusion of HIST courses (117, 118, 131, 221, 222, 250) on the Historical Literacy Menu

S. Lewis – So this is our first foray into adding courses to the HL menu. We can look at them as a whole. R. Morgan – We lost a lot of student numbers with the last change to the core. Hopefully, this Historical Literacy addition will help bring those numbers back at least for general education, and perhaps it will eventually help increase our major numbers as well.

No one had any questions or concerns about approving the courses for inclusion on the Historical Literacy Menu.

Motion to approve by C. Bacon that all 6 courses be approved for the Historical Literacy Menu; seconded by S. Jones; 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions; motion passes.

Meeting ended at 3:49 p.m.