

University Undergraduate Academic Council
November 29, 2017
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
CEHS Dean's Conference Room

Present: S. Lewis, Karen Witemeyer, S. Stewart, C. Bacon (Ian Shepherd gave Cheryl Bacon his proxy votes), R. Ashlock, S. Hamm

Absent: I. Shepherd, P. Roggendorff, M. Delony, D. Williams, M. Daugherty,

Ex-officios: B. Fang, T. Head (E. Gumm was not present)

Guests: Jessica Smith, Greg Brooks, Lynette Sharp-Penya, Lauren Lemley

The meeting began at 3:32 p.m.

I. Call to order by S. Lewis.

II. Prayer by R. Ashlock.

III. Approval of the minutes from 11.1.17 (Approval of the minutes from 5.10.17 was performed by the committee chair, Dr. Lewis, prior to the meeting.)

Motion to approve the minutes by R. Ashlock; seconded by C. Bacon; all in favor; motion passes.

Information Items:

There were no information items for the council to consider.

Action Items:

IV. FAM 262 – New Course

S. Lewis – If it pleases the council we can take all CFS items at one time. G. Brooks – We want to add a course focused on intimate relationships for courtship and marriage. If we add this, we would like to slot it into our degree plan in place of Ministry to Fathers, which overlaps with our Parenting and Family Skills course. The new course is proposed as a 200-level course. Ministry to Fathers is a 400-level course. Since we are losing some upper-level hours, we would like to move our Family Theories class from lower-level to upper-level. Also, Family Theories is better suited for an upper-level course. The expectations are pretty high. Freshmen are not prepared for that level of theoretical

processing. S. Lewis – And FAM 455 – Ministry to Fathers will not be closed and removed from the catalog, correct? G. Brooks – Correct. We will keep it as an elective.

R. Ashlock – I’ve heard the proposal in our college, and I believe it is a solid proposal.

G. Brooks – Our students can apply to become certified family life planners without having to sit for an exam thanks to our approved program. The broad study of intimate relationships is a key content area. So having a stronger, more targeted course in that area would be of benefit to our students. We have another course titled Human Intimacy, but that would be better titled, Human Sexuality. It has more of a biological focus instead of a relationship focus.

C. Bacon – Do you plan to rename the Human Intimacy course? G. Brooks – Yes, that is in the works.

Motion to approve all three CFS action items by S. Stewart; seconded by R, Ashlock; all in favor; motion passes.

V. Change Course Number – FAM 285 to FAM 385

See above

VI. Revision to Major - Remove FAM 455, Add FAM 262 to CFS degree plan

See above

VII. COMM 101 – New Course

L. Lemley – I am the one who taught the pilot run of this course last spring. We have 20 more students enrolled in another 140 course scheduled for next spring. We do not have an entry-level course for our discipline. This will give students a chance to be introduced to our field and possibly recruit new majors and minors. S. Lewis – Are the students taking it COMS majors? L. Lemley – About 60% or so were COMS majors. R. Ashley – So this course would be offered to non-majors as well? L. Lemley – Yes. It will also be added to the degree plan as a requirement.

Motion to approve COMM 101, the renumbering of courses, and the revision of the COMS major by S. Stewart seconded by S. Hamm; all in favor; motion passes.

VIII. Change Course Numbers - COMM 331 to 231 and COMM 341 to 241 and Add COMM 101 to the degree plan for COMS major.

L. Peña – The number of required hours must be adjusted in the major to allow for the addition of COMM 101. We reduced the hours in the selections to make room for those hours. As we were reviewing our degree plans, we noticed that we have very few lower-level courses in our major, which means students can't really get into the meat of their major courses until they are juniors. The courses we have proposed to change to 200-level courses are ones that are more commonly lower-level courses at other universities.

S. Lewis – The area of emphasis that is shown as recommended in your degree plan, if students do not select a track, they still must take electives to fulfill the hour requirement, correct? L. Peña – Yes. S. Lewis – I think it can be confusing with the recommended language. Maybe have a general track, so students know those hours are required, but they can choose which track best suits their needs.

R. Ashlock – Will the COMM 101 course substitute for COMM 211? L. Lemley – No – the focus of the courses are different. They are not doing oral presentations in COMM 101, etc. It's more of a broad, introductory course.

See motion above.

IX. Close Digital Media Minor

C. Bacon – We are making our minors align more directly with our majors. The digital media minor is an older minor that has not continued to be of interest to our students. We decided to close this minor and create a new one that has a new name and requirements that are more relevant. There are some elective areas S. Lewis – Are there prerequisites? C. Bacon – Not if we set it up this way. I anticipate it becoming popular. The Multimedia major is our fastest growing major. S. Lewis – How does it overlap with the Film minor? J. Smith – Multimedia is strictly film production, which is only part of the film minor. S. Stewart – Do you have any students enrolled in the digital minor? C. Bacon – One student. We can teach out or have the student change to the multimedia minor.

Motion to approve the closing of digital media and creation of multimedia minor by R. Ashlock; seconded by S. Stewart; all in favor; motion passes.

X. Create Multimedia Minor

See above.

XI. Add ART 325 to Historical Literacy Menu

J. Smith – The CAS has been encouraging our departments to add appropriate courses to the historical literacy menu. This course is from Art, and they have mapped it really well with the historical literacy requirements. This course would reduce the load on History and Global Studies and it would attract many other students. The course is offered in the fall with no prerequisites. K. Witemeyer – UGEC already approved the

course. R. Ashlock – Can anyone besides Dan teach the course? If there is demand, we want to make sure it is offered frequently. S. Stewart – I'm good with approving it even if it is not offered annually. S. Lewis – I would ask them to look at their frequency in the catalog and make sure it is correct.

Motion to approve by R. Ashlock; seconded by C. Bacon; all in favor; motion passes.

XII. Close NURS 335, 435, 452, and 462

S. Lewis – These are courses that were part of the Patty Hanks School of Nursing and will no longer be taught since we no longer have any Patty Hanks students enrolled.

Motion to approve by S. Hamm; seconded by S. Stewart; all in favor; motion passes.

Meeting ended at 4:16 p.m.