

University Undergraduate Academic Council
January 15, 2020
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
CEHS Dean's Conference Room

Present: K. Witemeyer, J. Smith, S. Hamm, M. Delony, D. Mayhall, M. Daugherity, D. McAnulty, R. Ashlock, B. Burton

Absent: K. Hatfield, P. Roggendorff

Ex-officios: E. Gumm, M. Long (B. Fang, M. McCallon, and V. McCracken were absent)

Guests: G. Straughn, A. Boone, C. Riley, D. Pemberton

The meeting began at 3:33 p.m.

I. Call to order by J. Smith.

II. Prayer by M. Delony.

III. Approval of the minutes from 12.4.19

Motion to approve the minutes by M. Daugherity; seconded by M. Delony; all in favor; motion passes.

Action Items

IV. MUSM 234 – Inclusion on Cultural Awareness and Historical Literacy Menus

J. Smith - We made a few updates to the course that are reflected in the syllabus. We also included the UGEC discussion for you to read with the caveat that these minutes are unofficial since they have not yet been approved.

G. Straughn - This course provides another option for students looking for Historical Literacy credit since the HIST courses on the menu struggle to meet demand. It also gives an additional option for Cultural Awareness.

R. Ashlock - Do you expect to have 50 students enrolled in this course every time it is offered? G. Straughn - That reflects the enrollment we used to see with our Intro to Music class. We can adjust the enrollment numbers for this new class as we assess student demand.

M. Daugherity - I don't see any questions raised by UGEC, so I move to add it to both menus.

Motion to approve by M. Daugherty; seconded by R. Ashlock; all in favor; motion passes.

V. Revision to General Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees and Associate's Degrees

J. Smith - The Enrollment Committee voted to remove an Admissions Deficiency that we have had since the 1990's. This stipulated that a student lacking 2 years of high school foreign language could be admitted with a deficiency that required the student to take foreign language at ACU. Our revision here is strictly to bring the catalog in step with that decision, since the catalog mentions how to address a deficiency that no longer exists.

Also, the "in residence" language is confusing when so many courses are offered online, so we would like to revise that out-of-date language.

M. Delony - I don't understand the deficiency. J. Smith - Not very many students come in with this deficiency, about 6 per graduating class. The deficiency was attached to students who did not complete 2 years of a foreign language in high school. E. Gumm - We were not communicating this to the student at the time of admission, though. The only place it was mentioned in the catalog was in this section. It is hard to identify the students, so this will simplify matters. We are looking at every student's transcript by hand in order to enforce this when it comes time to confer a degree. M. Long - Will this be made retroactive? E. Gumm - It would be revised in a future catalog, so it would only apply moving forward. M. Daugherty - If the Enrollment Committee already approved this, I don't see any reason to deny this change.

J. Smith - One thing we could look at is the meaning of item 8 if the explanation pertaining to the deficiency is struck. Does it have any meaning apart from the original intent? E. Gumm - This list is related to the student experience. Degree plans that do not have 6 hours of electives have been treated as exceptions. If you don't have 6 elective hours, why not? It's usually accreditation requirements. D. McNulty - So we could strike #8 altogether.

Motion to approve by D. McNulty with the additional strike of item 8 in its entirety; seconded by B. Burton; all in favor; motion passes.

VI. Add Humanities Label to University Requirements

J. Smith - Our general education exceeds the SACS minimum requirements. However, our labeling does not comply. We are not changing anything in our requirements, only separating the sophomore literature requirement and placing it under a Humanities heading. There was a question in UGEC on whether or not we are creating a new menu. The answer is no. There will be no criteria to apply to, so no additional courses can be added here.

B. Burton - Would it be better to add the appropriate prefixes? M. Delony - I think you could - ENGL, SPAN, FREN, GER (200-299). J. Smith - Do you see that being consistent, moving forward? M. Delony - Yes. K. Witemeyer - Are there any SPAN courses at 200-level that are *not* literature? D. Pemberton - SPAN 222 is Intermediate Language. D. McNulty - The default for 98% of students is to take 200-level ENGL. Others can take a higher-level course in SPAN and FREN literature above that range. Can we label it as ENGL 200-299 or foreign language literature? M. Delony - Yes. E. Gumm - That would fit with what we currently have scribed in DegreeWorks.

Motion to approve by M. Delony with additional clarifying language (ENGL 200-299 or foreign language literature); seconded by D. McNulty; all in favor; motion passes.

Meeting ended at 4:08 p.m.