

University Undergraduate Academic Council
March 4, 2020
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
CEHS Dean's Conference Room

Present: K. Witemeyer, J. Smith, D. Mayhall, B. Burton, D. McAnulty, R. Ashlock, K. Hatfield, S. Hamm, P. Roggendorff

Absent: M. Delony, M. Daugherty

Ex-officios: M. Long, B. Fang, E. Gumm, M. McCallon, V. McCracken

Guests: J. Carpenter, J. Homer, J. Camp, D. Kennamer, L. Merchant

The meeting began at 3:32 p.m.

I. Call to order by J. Smith.

II. Prayer by D. Mayhall.

III. Approval of the minutes from 2.19.20

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

Information Items:

- IV. AENV 110 – Revise Description and Content
- V. AENV 130 – Revise Content
- VI. AENV 371 – Revise Description and Content
- VII. ANSC 111 – Revise Description and Content
- VIII. ANSC 336 – Revise Description and Content
- IX. ANSC 337 – Revise Description, Content, and Prerequisites
- X. ANSC 343 – Revise Content
- XI. ANSC 360 – Revise Description and Content
- XII. ANSC 496– Revise Description and Content
- XIII. ANSC 497 – Revise Description and Content
- XIV. ENVR 112 – Revise Description and Content
- XV. ENVR 233– Revise Content
- XVI. ENVR 341 – Revise Description and Content
- XVII. ENVR 420 – Revise Description and Content
- XVIII. IT 325 – Revise Prerequisites
- XIX. CS 316 – Revise Prerequisites
- XX. CS 330 - Revise Prerequisites
- XXI. CS 365 - Revise Prerequisites

- XXII. NURS Courses - Revise Prerequisites
XXIII. FIN 311 – Change Course Term

Action Items

XXIV. ENVR 241 – New Course

J. Carpenter - Overall, our changes address the need to modify and update our degrees so that our current majors would be more marketable. We've hired some new faculty who bring fresh eyes to revise content and update course materials.

J. Carpenter - This new course is an introduction to GIS. This is a skill that is in demand. We also heard this from our visiting committee. This will replace Energy Resources, which will move to a menu, in the degree plan. We have had interest from the Physics department as it being a possible elective for their students.

R. Ashlock - I wasn't sure how you were measuring ethics. J. Carpenter - The professor teaching this course emphasized the importance of what data sets you use. Students are not always particular with their sources. We want to make sure they are using validated data sets that can be trusted for accurate results.

Motion to approve by D. McNulty; seconded by B. Burton; all in favor; motion passes.

XXV. ANSC 363 – Change Number of Hours, Description, and Content

J. Carpenter - These courses used to have labs, and we are ready to reincorporate the labs to these classes. We are removing the Animal Production lab class and are replacing it with these lab additions to 363 and 483.

XXVI. ANSC 483 – Change Number of Hours, Description, and Content

See discussion above.

Motion to approve items XXV and XXVI by B. Burton; seconded by P. Roggendorff; all in favor; motion passes.

XXVII. AGRB – Revision to Major

J. Carpenter - The main goal is to make the program more flexible. We didn't see the sense in making them take two capstone courses. So we removed the business capstone course. Biology was proving to be a major stumbling block to many of our students and is not required in many other Agribusiness programs. D. McNulty - What drove the

change to political science? J. Carpenter - To allow more flexibility. E. Gumm - Raised a question about using ENVR 420 as writing-intensive that was resolved by examining the course description.

E. Gumm - Defining the science parameters would be helpful for scribing in DegreeWorks. We could use the science subject codes. J. Carpenter - We would allow ENGR, BIOL, BIOA, CHEM, PHYS courses for the “science outside the department” requirement.

XXVIII. ENVR – Consolidating and Revising Tracks

J. Carpenter - This allows for wildlife certification. B. Burton - So there are only 4 hours of electives for the wildlife track? J. Carpenter - Yes. B. Burton - I know university-wide we try to keep it around 6. J. Carpenter - I have difficulty since we have requirements toward certification. K. Hatfield - On the pre-vet track the 5 hours doesn't make sense because all of the courses are 3 hours. Is it because ANSC 360 can be taken with only 2 hours counting toward the major hours? J. Smith - Yes. The university standard has moved to choosing hours instead of choosing courses for clarity. E. Gumm - Maybe we can say, “choose a minimum of 5 hours.” D. McAnulty - If a student already took their PEAC requirements, would ANSC 360 count as all three hours for the major? E. Gumm - I think it is a manual process.

XXIX. ANSC - Consolidating and Revising Tracks

J. Carpenter - These changes are similar to the changes mentioned above. We are able to serve all these courses. Pre-Vet is also a very prescribed track. We are meeting the requirements for Texas A&M vet school. We added physics because that is required for vet school. We didn't want it to be a hidden requirement.

Motion to approve items XXVII-XXIX with added language in Agribusiness and Animal Science by B. Burton; seconded by K. Hatfield; all in favor; motion passes.

XXX. CS – Computing Theory Track – Revision of Major

J. Homer - We came through in the fall with broader changes with some new courses. These proposals address the ripple effects from those changes. We are adding ITC 125 and creating more room in electives since it fulfills a University Requirement.

XXXI. CS – Software Engineering Track – Revision of Major

We are trying to increase the number of open electives. We took some of the existing requirements and collapsed them into menus.

XXXII. CS – Game Development Track – Revision of Major

Same principle for the changes in this track as in software engineering.

Motion to approve items XXX-XXXII by D. McAnulty; seconded by R. Ashlock; all in favor; motion passes.

XXXIII. FAM 262 – Add to Social Science Menu

L. Merchant - This is Intimate Relationships and Marriage. It focuses on relationships and small groups. J. Smith - This came before UGEC last week and was recommended for approval to add to the Social Science menu. D. McAnulty - Are we balancing specificity with breadth for the content? Could all 200-level psychology courses, for example, meet these requirements? L. Merchant - This is a broad introduction to the field and usually about half of the students who take it are from outside our department.

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

Meeting ended at 4:32 p.m.