

University Undergraduate Academic Council
December 2, 2020
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present: K. Witemeyer, J. Smith, M. Long, B. Burton, A. Sutherlin, D. Mayhall, D. Kneip, D. McAnulty, G. Broderick

Absent: S. Martinez, K. Cha

Ex-officios: B. Carroll, L. Merchant, B. Fang, E. Gumm

Guests: K. Elliott, D. Kennamer, J. Homer, K. Wick, S. Jones, M. McCallon, J. Camp, J. Morris, P. Sullivan

The meeting began at 3:31 p.m.

1. Call to order by J. Smith.
2. Prayer by D. Kneip.
3. Approval of the minutes from 11.4.20

Motion to approve the minutes by A. Sutherlin; seconded by D. Kneip; all in favor; motion passes.

Information Items

4. PEAC 239 – Revise Title and Description
5. PEAC 352 – Revise Title and Description
6. KINE 311 – Revise Prerequisites
7. Aging Studies Minor – Remove HED 410

Action Items

8. HIST 201 – Add to Social Science and Historical Literacy Menus

K. Elliott – We approved this course last time we met. You can see the criteria documentation to show why a US history survey class would fit these menus.

9. HIST 330 – Add to Historical Literacy Menu

K. Elliott – This came through last year and was approved for Cultural Awareness, but it was missed from being added the Historical Literacy menu. This is to get it added to that menu. We want this course to be available to as many students as possible. Those who are not just history majors. It is an important class for the development of personhood. D. Kneip – Is there a plan to expand this course farther back into history? K. Elliott – This course focuses on post-Civil War era because that was the period we considered to be most important for students in order to comprehend where we are now. We are also working with faculty limitations. We don't currently have an African American historian in our department. We would love to have one and will be seeking that in future. At that time, we hope to expand our offerings.

Motion to approve items 8 & 9 by B. Burton; seconded by D. McAnulty; all in favor; motion passes.

10. KSRM – Revise Major – Remove PEAC 229

S. Jones – We no longer have an aquatics instructor, so we need to close our PEAC 228 and 229 courses. We need to remove those from our degree plan menus.

11. KNHP – Revise Major – Remove PEAC 228 and 229

See above.

12. KGEN – Revise Major – Remove PEAC 228 and 229

See above.

Motion to approve items 10-12 by M. Long; seconded by D. Mayhall; all in favor; motion passes.

13. Close Courses – PEAC 203, 204, 228, 229, 235, 341, 353 and HED 324, 405, 410

S. Jones – We just don't have the faculty to teach these courses or the budget to hire adjunct to teach these courses. J. Smith – Can we say that your majors are developing as pre-professional programs and moving away from the need for these activity classes? S. Jones – Yes, we don't have a PE track any longer and that is not coming back.

D. Kneip – Does it cause more difficulty to close a course and then bring it back out if faculty availability changes? J. Smith – If these courses have not been offered in a significant amount of time, should we want to revive a closed course, it is a good time to refresh and bring it up to date with a new course application. I don't see that as a burden if these won't be offered in the foreseeable future.

D. McNulty – Does this affect any departments outside of Kinesiology? S. Jones – Yes. That was the Aging Studies minor change in the information items.

Motion to approve by D. Kneip; seconded by A. Sutherlin; all in favor; motion passes.

14. IPE 302 – New Course

D. Kennamer – One matter of note – Social Work is the department of record, but this is an inter-departmental course. We brought an ethics course through recently. This is an initiative of the CEHS and School of Nursing. Rather than taking all of these courses through council individually, this will function as a Topics course that will function much like a colloquium with different topics offered under the same course number. We've provided sample assignments. It is not required in any degree, though Social Work is looking at revising their program to include these in the future. J. Smith – The vision is that some majors will require these courses for their students. For those requiring it, is there an idea of how many times a student would take them? D. Kennamer – I believe they are looking at requiring two of them.

J. Smith – On the course application, having it repeatable is fine, but I think we might need a ceiling instead of leaving it as unlimited. D. Kennamer – I wasn't sure how to indicate that. Perhaps we could limit it to four or five. I don't see students doing more than that. E. Gumm – Banner looks at the course number. It does not look at the title. J. Smith – It seems like a limit of 6 is reasonable. D. Kneip – Do you envision a student wanting to take one each semester for a total of 8? D. Kennamer – There won't be 8 available since the ethics course stands alone.

Motion to approve with the amendment of a limit of 6 hours total instead of unlimited by D. Kneip; seconded by M. Long; all in favor; motion passes.

15. UNIV 312 – New Course

J. Smith – These have a long history of being English special topics courses. J. Morris – Lang/Lit was no longer able to host these courses, but we found that these courses were very helpful in preparing our Fulbright candidates. We thought that the Honors College was a great place to host these. P. Sullivan – These help undergird the ACU ESL program. We are using the UNIV prefix because they are interdisciplinary. We didn't want to use an honors prefix because they aren't restricted to honors students. These focus on teaching English to speakers of other languages, especially abroad. The first course focuses on classroom learning, the second is more experiential in nature. In the four years we've had these TESOL courses, 6 of our students who were granted Fulbright scholarships were in these courses. We coordinate with local schools and with rescue organizations. We also work with an online program teaching in the Czech Republic. We have about 45 students who have completed the courses across a wide

range of majors. It really empowers students to fulfill the ACU mission. Our students have gone into twelve different countries after taking these courses.

G. Broderick – What exactly is a peer review for these classes? Is that fellow students? P. Sullivan – Yes. That is very common in the English department for essays, etc. We are teamed up in the class, where some are playing the role of learner and other teacher. They train by evaluating me first according to the criteria before they evaluate their peers. I do a lot of lesson demonstrations.

16. UNIV 314 – New Course

See above. D. Kneip – I notice that your title is longer than 30 characters. You might want to focus the abbreviated title. J. Smith – Since we are developing the course with a UNIV prefix, they will belong to University Studies instead of the Honors College.

Motion to approve items 15-16 by D. McAnulty; seconded by G. Broderick; all in favor; motion passes.

17. ECON 312 – New Course

K. Wick – I've taught this three times to a cross-section of students to great success. That is why we are cross-listing it, so it can meet upper-level course electives for other degrees. We play games, so it is fun, but there is a lot of math and logic. It is quite hard material. It is non-calculus based. B. Burton – Several of my students have taken this course, and I've heard rave reviews from them. I look forward to adding this to our DET menus. M. Long – It shows 40 contact hours. Shouldn't it be 45? K. Wick – It should be two hours of lecture, 1 hour of lab, for 3 credit hours. J. Smith – We typically match faculty workload hours to credit hours. K. Wick – That's fine.

D. Kneip – Is there anyone else in COBA who is able to teach this course? K. Wick – It won't be offered every spring. Currently, I am the only one credentialed.

18. MGMT 312 – Crosslist with ECON 312

See above.

19. ITC 312 – Crosslist with ECON 312

See above.

Motion to approve items 17-19 by B. Burton; seconded by D. Kneip; all in favor; motion passes.

20. CS Software Engineering – Revise Major – Expand Concentration Menu

J. Homer – We have a 6-hour menu that we will expand to give our students more options.

21. DET – Revise Major – Move DET 305 to Menu

J. Homer – We are taking a course from the requirement section to a menu. This is because it will be a summer online course. We expect students will still take it, but we don't want to require a course that will only be taught in the summer.

Motion to approve items 20-21 by D. McNulty; seconded by A. Sutherlin; all in favor; motion passes.

Meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.