

University Undergraduate Academic Council
March 3, 2021
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: A. Sutherlin, K. Cha

Ex-officios: B. Fang, L. Merchant (B. Carroll, E. Gumm were absent)

Guests: S. Jones, M. McCallon, D. Kennamer, M. Straughn

The meeting began at 3:30 p.m.

1. Call to order by J. Smith.
2. Prayer by J. Smith.
3. Approval of the minutes from 2.3.21

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

Information Items

4. KINE 241 – Revise Description
5. NUTR 421 – Revise Description
6. NUTR 429 – Revise Description
7. PEAC 210 – Revise Description
8. PEAC 335 - Revise Description

Action Items

9. KNHP – Revision of Major – Broaden PEAC Menu

S. Jones – We had a limited PEAC menu in many of our tracks. We've cleaned most of them up, but we missed this one. This will give our students more options for fulfilling this requirement. J. Smith – So this brings it in line with the other tracks. S. Jones - Yes

Motion to approve by M. Long; seconded by D. Kneip; all in favor; motion passes.

10. NDPD – Revision of Major – Remove "C" Rule

S. Jones – We have a minimum GPA of 3.0, and with this we don't believe it is necessary to have the "C" rule. This allows students who did poorly in one class not to be penalized. We mentor our students and engage with them regularly. We never had a problem with this method when we did things this way in the past. D. Kneip – With the 3.0 GPA requirement, there's little room for sub-C grades. G. Broderick – Is there ever a chance where a student received a D where you would advise them to retake the course? S. Jones – Yes, especially if it is a nutrition course, because they wouldn't be able to get an internship otherwise. It depends on the course. D. McNulty – I think the GPA is good protection. Those wanting to go to grad school or seek certifications will have to retake D's if they wish to be competitive.

11. NUEX – Revision of Major – Replace KINE 475 with KINE 342

S. Jones – We no longer have a teacher for KINE 475. It hasn't been taught for a long time. KINE 342 is a good substitute and fits the needs of our students well. D. McNulty – Will any current students be stuck with this change of course? S. Jones – No. We are already having to substitute courses for this. We will just continue to do so.

12. NUCO – Revision of Major – Replace COMM 236 & 343 with COMM 460 & 475

S. Jones – We developed all of our tracks more than 15 years ago. This one hasn't been updated in all that time. Lynette Sharp-Penya approached me about some newer communication courses they've developed that would be a better fit for our program. I believe they are excellent choices for this track. D. McNulty – Is there a reason for the emphasis on communication courses? Did you look at other options in areas like sociology or psychology that offer courses with health emphases? S. Jones – This was how the track was originally built since the graduates will be community educators, where communication plays a key role. We could look at that in the future.

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

13. NURS – Revision of Major – Reorganize into Core and Pre-Licensure Sections

J. Smith – We revised the nursing degree back in November. This change doesn't add anything to those changes, it simply reorganizes how things are laid out in the catalog. M. Straughn – In order to provide a little more flexibility with the BSN degree, we are wanting to reorganize to allow for some different tracks. We added the pre-nursing track last year. Now, we are wanting to add a post-licensure track, and this restructure will pave the way for that. There is nothing added or taken away from the changes already approved, this is simply a reorganization of the content. This will not change the

experience of the students at all. This structural decision will give us more adaptability for future programs. D. Kneip – So this will allow future creation of tracks more easily. M. Straughn – Yes. It has positive implications for how we look at our courses by naming our core courses. RN to BSN is a popular option, and we are looking at moving in that direction in order to recruit other student populations.

Motion to approve by D. McNulty; seconded by G. Broderick; all in favor; motion passes.

Meeting ended at 3:59 p.m.