

University Undergraduate Academic Council
April 7, 2021
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: A. Sutherlin, K. Cha, D. Kneip

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

Guests: D. Kennamer, R. Slaymaker, K. East, C. Riley, M. McCallon, J. Camp, R. Beck

The meeting began at 3:32 p.m.

1. Call to order by J. Smith.
2. Prayer by C. Riley.
3. Approval of the minutes from 3.3.21

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

Information Items

4. CHEM 111 – Revise Course Terms
5. CHEM 112 – Revise Course Terms
6. CHEM 203 – Revise Course Terms
7. JMC 224 – Revise Prerequisites

Action Items

8. PLAW 310 – New Course – Legal Studies Seminar

C. Riley – This will be a one-hour seminar course that all the Legal Studies minor students will be asked to take. J. Smith – Will students who have not declared this minor be able to take this? C. Riley – It's possible that a student pursuing law school might be interested in taking this course without officially declaring the minor.

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

9. PSYC 346 – New Course – Freud and Jung

R. Beck – There is a demand in our major for Psychology electives. This course has been offered three times as a special topics course and has had robust enrollment each time. John Cassada teaches it, and it has already been factored into his load. It focuses on Freudian theories and applications in the humanities. J. Smith – How many psychology electives do your students take? R. Beck – We have about 21 elective hours. That number allows our accelerated program students the flexibility to take graduate courses, but those not in the accelerated program have lots of room for additional psychology electives as well. E. Gumm – The current program has 21 psychology electives and 19 general electives. J. Smith – So there is lots of room in this program for additional offerings. D. McAnulty – Our students have expressed an interest in these topics. G. Broderick – Will this always be a zoom class? R. Beck – No, it is face-to-face. J. Smith – I think that syllabus was from this past year when our options were limited due to COVID restrictions.

Motion to approve by B. Burton; seconded by G. Broderick; all in favor; motion passes.

10. SOCW 255 – New Course – Social Worker Observation

K. East – When we looked at ways to amplify our students' experience, we wanted to get the students out in the field earlier. This class will allow students to get a taste of what fieldwork is like from an observation perspective. There will be flexibility for them in the summer to work in their local areas. R. Slaymaker – Because of the experiential learning grant, we added self-reflection goals. J. Smith – Is there any matching from faculty regarding locations, or will students be responsible for finding their own setting? R. Slaymaker – The students will identify their own setting, but we hope that faculty will provide guidance in that. D. McAnulty – I see that the only readings are ones selected by the students. How will you ensure their readings are appropriate? K. East – I imagine that we will curate a list of examples for the students to draw from and that they can add to as they progress.

11. SOCW 361 – New Course – Pre-Practicum Orientation

K. East – We will partner with the career center and bring in social work employees from the community to enrich the student experience. This will be for our juniors in the spring before their senior year. R. Slaymaker – This will allow students to focus on their career preparation within the degree plan instead of having to build a resume and perform other career building exercises on their own.

12. SOCW 381 – Reduce Hours from 5 to 4

No discussion.

13. SOCW 481 – Reduce Hours from 5 to 4

No discussion.

Motion to approve items 10-13 by D. McNulty; seconded by B. Burton; all in favor; motion passes.

14. BSSW – Revision of Major – Add New Courses/Remove Menu

R. Slaymaker – We have an intensive clinical placement process for students during the senior year. We've realized that our students need a bit more scaffolding before they get to their clinical hours and capstone experience. K. East – We are adding the new courses plus the new IPE course menu to enhance that experiential learning component. J. Smith – The reason IPE 340 and 440 are struck out is because we do not place special topics courses in degree plans. However, as new IPE courses are developed and offered, substitutions can be used to fulfill the requirement from this menu. R. Slaymaker – There is no change to the overall required hours for the degree plan.

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

15. HIST 310 – New Course – Topics in Public History

16. BA HIST – Revision of Major – Revise Course Selection

17. BA HIST – Create Public History Track

Motion to table items 15-17 by D. McNulty; seconded by G. Broderick; all in favor; motion passes.

18. BS HSST – Revision of Major – Revise Course Selection

D. Kennamer – We eliminated what was essentially a test-prep course from both of these teaching degrees. We now have robust online preparatory materials available to our students, so it no longer seems appropriate to devote an entire 3-hour course for this purpose. So, we are removing that and adding some new courses that have been recently developed in our History department to add to these menus. We realized that we couldn't add the HIST 310 course directly to the menus since the topics will change,

but we are open to subbing that course into the degree plan when the topic is appropriate. We really like the pedagogy of the class, however, and are in favor of using this course. J. Smith – It's nice to have more options in programs that have so many requirements.

19. BS HSTT – Revision of Major – Revise Course Selection

See discussion above.

Motion to approve items 18-19 by D. McNulty; seconded by D. Mayhall; all in favor; motion passes.

Meeting ended at 4:13 p.m.