

University Undergraduate Academic Council
December 1, 2021
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Adams Center Classroom

Present: K. Witemeyer, J. Smith, K. Cha, M. Long, G. Broderick, J.D. Wallace, D. Kneip, A. Sutherlin, D. Mayhall, S. Martinez

Absent: R. Jessup

Ex-officios: L. Merchant, S. Jones, E. Gumm (B. Fang was absent)

Guests: Amy Boone (for Berlin Fang), C. Riley, D. Flanagan, C. Powell, T. Baggs, L. Chrane, J. Binkley

The meeting began at 3:31 p.m.

1. Call to order by J. Smith.
2. Prayer by A. Sutherlin.
3. Approval of the minutes from 11.3.21

Motion to approve the minutes by K. Cha; seconded by G. Broderick; all in favor; motion passes.

Information Items

4. FAM 453 – Revise Title and Description
5. GERO/CSD 479 – Revise Title & Description
6. Aging Studies Minor – Revise Course Selection

Action Items

7. PHP 201 – New Course

C. Powell - We are developing seminar courses to help prepare our pre-health professions students. These focus on career choices, ethics, etc. Nearly 20% of our incoming students declare pre-med, but they won't stay pre-med. We want to help guide them to other pre-health fields. We have 63 students in the special topics version of the course this semester who are taking it as an elective. K. Cha - You show 40 maximum enrollment on the proposal, but you are teaching it with 63? C. Powell - We planned to have multiple sections originally, but we combined into a larger, single section this semester, and it seems to be working well. M. Long - Can we add athletic training to

your topics? C. Powell - Yes. In fact, we added it to the class already, it's just not in the proposal. J.D. Wallace - What are the reflection assignments? C. Powell - They reflect on how they have addressed the competencies and will continue to do so. It is part of the e-portfolio as well. J.D. Wallace - I see oral communication as a competency, but if they are submitting written responses, does this meet that competency? C. Powell - You're right. We probably have not met the competency there as well as we should. J.D. Wallace - If you incorporate more discussion, that might address it to some extent. D. Flanagan - That's a fair point. S. Jones - How will the course be restricted to pre-health students? C. Powell - I don't think it will, but I doubt other students will signing up for it.

8. PHP 301 – New Course

C. Powell - This seminar helps with the medical/professional school application process. The processes have become very complex.

9. CHEM 308 – Change Subject Code to PHP

C. Powell - We have taught this Global Healthcare course under several cross-listed subject codes to address many health profession fields from different departments. This has caused a lot of confusion because students will try to use it as an in-field elective, and its content doesn't fit that purpose. We will change the subject code to PHP to show it as a pre-health course and not an upper-level departmental course. D. Kneip - Will it only be used as an elective now? C. Powell - Yes.

10. BIOL 308 – Close Course

See discussion above.

11. CSD 308 – Close Course

See discussion above.

Motion to approve items 7-11 by D. Kneip; seconded by A. Sutherlin; all in favor; motion passes.

12. Continue discussion of General Education Revision Proposal

J. Smith - As an update, UGEC has approved the Bachelor's requirements and Associate's requirements and are close to approving the outcomes. I would anticipate that we will have the proposal ready to advance after our first meeting in January.

We did discuss changing the grouping of the humanities menu with UGEC. They agreed with the humanities change. There were a few concerns about changing the general education selection to a free elective, however.

D. Kneip - When I spoke with Rodney and Cole, they had no problems with the change to humanities. I also spoke with Kelly Elliott from History and she was concerned about the criteria for the Humanities menu. Will that criteria be approved before the vote? J. Smith - There will be approval of the menu itself and then our criteria team will specify the criteria. D. Kneip - Kelly was also curious about having their courses on multiple menus. I'm also concerned about taking Political Science away and how that department might be impacted. A. Sutherlin - I talked with both Neal and Kelly - Neal is not worried about losing people and seats, although he would like to see more people taking Political Science. I don't think there will be much difference between being their courses being an option with history vs. an option with social science. Kelly was pleased with this version of the proposal.

G. Broderick - When we vote, will we see the revisions? J. Smith - What I will bring to you at our next meeting will be the full proposal as approved by UGEC. The current proposal will show Political Science still attached to History. Then we can amend it to take Political Science away from History and create the fuller Humanities menu and approve it as amended (3 hrs HIST, 3 hrs literature, 3 hrs from a humanities selection menu). J. Smith - When we looked at the Associates requirements in UGEC, they used the assumption that the new humanities menu changes would happen and supported that as they revised those AA requirements.

J. Smith - There was also conversation about the general education selection. We preserved this at the initial stages. However, some suggest changing that to a free elective to allow students more flexibility. A. Sutherlin - We didn't discuss this much on the original committee. We could see how adding flexibility could be a benefit.

J. Smith - We hope to be able to have faculty approval by mid-spring and can then communicate to departments to start applying for the general education menus. Then, departments can plan revisions to their degree plans. It also would be good to think about section building for Fall 2023 if we need to adjust the number of sections being taught in light of the new general education requirements.

Meeting ended at 4:19 p.m.