

Abilene Undergraduate Academic Council
November 2, 2022
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Adams Center Classroom

Present: K. Witemeyer, J. Smith, M. Long, D. Mayhall, K. Cha, D. Kneip, A. Sutherlin, R. Jessup

Absent: J.D. Wallace, T. Womble, J. Drachenberg

Ex-officios: E. Gumm, S. Hamm (S. Jones and L. Merchant were absent)

Guests: F. Aquino, J. Carpenter, K. Jernigan

The meeting began at 3:33 p.m.

1. Call to order by J. Smith.
2. Prayer by J. Smith.
3. Approval of the minutes from 5.4.22

Motion to approve minutes by D. Kneip; seconded by M. Long; 5 in favor; 1 abstention; motion passes.

Information Items

4. COMM 322 – Revise Title
5. ENGR 210 – Change Course Terms
6. ENGR 355/356 – Change Course Terms
7. ENGR 422/423 – Change Course Terms
8. BUSA 419 – Remove Prerequisites

Action Items

9. AENV 101 – New Course – Foundations of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences

K. Jernigan - AENV 110 used to be a 4-hour course. We dropped the lab last year, reducing it to 3 hours. We want to break it into two one-hour seminar courses. This is similar to what happens in other STEM majors. We can use that one hour each week for focused discussion. AENV 110 covered a lot of ground - history, Christian stewardship,

world view, department introduction, careers, etc. All of our majors are required to take AENV 110, so the two new courses will replace that, and it will be part of the core requirements for our majors. D. Kneip - Will they take the courses concurrently? K. Jernigan - No. They will take 101 in the fall of their first year and 201 in the fall of their second year. J. Carpenter - We might have 101 as a prerequisite for other courses, but not 201.

10. AENV 201 – New Course – Current Issues in Agricultural & Environmental Sciences

See discussion above.

Motion to approve items 9-10 by M. Long; seconded by D. Mayhall; all in favor; motion passes.

11. PHIL Courses (275, 378, 379, 380, 451, 478, 486, 487, 489, 490, 491) – Change Department/College of Record

F. Aquino - I've been the advisor for two years. One of the things that is not clear in this proposal is that the minor will continue to remain an interdisciplinary program. Only the classes are moving ownership to CBS. Ninety-five percent of philosophy courses are taught by CBS faculty. I agree that the PHIL subject code should remain unchanged. PHIL is recognized for non-Bible majors and is more easily transferred across degrees. Philosophy degrees are studies in philosophy, not necessarily interdisciplinary programs. I would be in favor of housing it in CBS to assist with faculty load as well as more clearly marketing it to students. That is not before us today, but I would like it to be considered in the future. J. Smith - We have placed interdisciplinary courses into hosting departments like the IPE and PHP courses that cross majors. D. Kneip - The courses are cross-listed as BIBP as well, correct? So we are just shifting them in the system? J. Smith - Yes, and it will give the advisor of the program the ability to revise courses and program if they are housed in CBS instead of Physics and Engineering in CAS. F. Aquino - The number of students enrolling in PHIL 379 has been growing dramatically. We might have to increase how frequently we offer the course in order to meet demand. D. Kneip - We are moving all the PHIL courses, correct? F. Aquino - Yes. J. Smith - With the PHIL 379 being added to the Gen Ed menu, that will offer opportunities to market the minor to a broader range of students.

Motion to approve by R. Jessup; seconded by A. Sutherlin; all in favor; motion passes.

J. Smith - UGEC has been very busy. We've been looking at about 30 courses per meeting. Because of the change to our council structure this year, the AUAC council will no longer have to vote on UGEC items. As the Dallas college has expanded into undergraduate programs, because we share general education, there is more overlap. Our previous structure had the university council answer to an Abilene council. That no

longer seems appropriate. What we will do is consider the program changes for the Abilene campus. Once UGEC has the general education menus populated, we will need to consider revised degree plans in light of the menus and the two hours less of total general education hours from 56 to 54 hours. I am talking to the associate deans of each college to determine if there are additional changes to be made to the degree plans on top of the general education changes. I'm hoping the majority will not have any additional changes. We might consider a subcommittee approach so that we don't have to look at every program with the entire group. A. Sutherlin - If we are mostly just swapping out the gen ed, I don't see the need for all of us to look at everything, so I would vote for a sub-committee approach. R. Jessup - Would we still vote on them all? J. Smith - I would imagine the sub-committee would make a recommendation to the full group. D. Kneip - Could we do an electronic vote for the ones that have no major change and only have the in-person meeting deal with the programs where there are other changes on top of the general education? M. Long - Are we looking at all the tracks individually? J. Smith - I will send an edited degree plan to all associate deans and ask the chairs to look at it and see if it fits. We have to see every track. M. Long - If only one track has additional changes, does that have to go through separately? J. Smith - We will likely keep them together and pull that proposal out for council review. I hope to get the initial changes to the associate deans later this month. You can expect to meet in some fashion on all our dates in the spring.

Meeting ended at 4:20 p.m.