

Abilene Undergraduate Academic Council
March 29, 2023
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Adams Center Classroom

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

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

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

Guests: S. Macaluso, S. Talley, D. McGregor, N. Coates, D. Kennamer

The meeting began at 3:32 p.m.

1. Call to order by J. Smith.
2. Prayer by J. Smith.
3. Approval of the minutes from 3.1.23

With no corrections mentioned, the minutes were considered approved.

Information Items

4. DET 410 – Change Course Terms
5. FIN 499 – Change Course Description
6. FIN 499 – Revise Prerequisites
7. IS 222 – Add Excel Test Prerequisite
8. IT 263 – Add Excel Test Prerequisite

Action Items

Proposals to Accept Gen Ed Recommended Changes

9. BA-COMS – Communication (All Tracks)
10. BS-COMS – Communication (All Tracks)
11. BS-COMP – Communication Science Disorders
12. BS-PSYC - Psychology
13. BA-POLS – Political Science

14. BA-POLS-IRCP – Political Science, International Relations & Comparative Politics
15. BA-CJ – Criminal Justice
16. BS-CJ – Criminal Justice
17. BS-EDUC - Teacher Education – SPEL & All MSSED Tracks
18. BS-MATT – Math Teaching
19. BS-NUTR – Nutrition (All Tracks)
20. BSSW – Social Work
21. BA-BIOL - Biology
22. BS-HPCO-BIOL – Health Professions Coop, Biology
23. BS-BIOL – Biology (All Tracks)

Motion to approve items 9-23 by D. Kneip; seconded by A. Sutherlin; all in favor; motion passes.

Proposals to Revise Beyond Gen Ed Recommended Changes

24. BFA-ARTT – Art Teaching – Remove ART 371

J. Smith - Council has already voted to close ART 371. This change will simply remove that course from the degree plan listing. It was an optional course, so no further adjustments were required.

Motion to approve by M. Long; seconded by K. Cha; all in favor; motion passes.

25. BS-IDSC – Early Childhood/Elementary Certification – Rearrange Menus & Add New Menu

S. Talley - They closed the music course we used to require, so we created a menu to offer IPE and similar courses. We will cover music in other courses. These days schools hire music educators not elementary teachers to teach music. J. Smith - It is helpful to have the hours mentioned in the new menu. Should we change the other menus to the hour approach or do you think it unlikely the other menus would have courses other than 3 hours? S. Talley - It is unlikely that other menus would have courses that are not 3 hours.

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

Proposals to Revise Admission Requirements (Teacher Cert. Programs)

- 26. Revise Admission Requirements for Teacher Certification Programs - CAS
- 27. Revise Admission Requirements for Teacher Certification Programs - CEHS
- 28. Revise Admission Requirements for Teacher Certification Programs - COBA

J. Smith - Each of the colleges that has a teacher education program has considered this change. I think the menu describes the situation well. S. Talley - This is a change that is due to the ACT/SAT tests no longer being required. We advise incoming students to take the ACT/SAT. We will pay for the vouchers for students who need to take the TSI test. We had about 4 students who needed to test this year. Students must take an ACT/SAT to receive scholarships, so most students do come with a test score. E. Gumm - Are the tests taken here? S. Talley - CISCO can give the voucher and we can administer it here. We just can't get the voucher ourselves, they must come through a state school.

Motion to approve items 26-28 by D. Kneip; seconded by M. Long; all in favor; motion passes.

J. Smith - Update: We are tracking our progress. We have 70 degree plans on the Abilene campus. As of today, we have done 30 and have 40 remaining. We have three meetings remaining. We aren't quite as far along as I had hoped, but we are within the scope of getting done. I don't think we have room to add new programs this year due to the volume of work we have in front of us. COBA and Nursing still have all of their changes left to review and approve, but that is a small number of items. CBS was hoping to look at broader changes, but I think they will need to postpone those until next year. We are about at the 40% mark. I will try to get the agendas available to you as soon as possible.

Meeting ended at 4:04 p.m.